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# Excerpts from Great Speeches



(The following excerpts are from an address delivered by one Seth Luther back in 1832. Luther was a Carpenter who was also quite an orator, and he struck with force many times, orally, in the cause of the working man. John R. Commons in his "History of Labor in the United States," says that Luther was "the first American in the anti-child-labor crusade."

The particular speech from which these excerpts were taken, was a bitter answer to the account of a Senator who visited a New England cotton mill and who reported everything in the aura of sweetness and light. Luther brought out that the whole visit was planned to create a pleasant picture and that behind the view shown to the Senator, were 14-hour days of slave labor, speed-up and sweat-shop conditions, hidden from the public.

It is significant that the State, Massachusetts, in which Luther concentrated his efforts to better the plight of working men, women and children was the first to pass the first American child-labor law.

With that as foreword, here are excerpts from the speech.)

It has been said that the speaker is opposed to the American system. It turns upon one single point—if these abuses are the American system, he is opposed. But let him see an American system where education and intelligence are generally diffused, and the enjoyment of life and liberty secured to all; he then is ready to support such a system. But so long as our government secures exclusive privileges to a very small part of the community, and leaves the majority the 'lawful prey' to avarice, so long does he contend against any 'system' so exceedingly unjust and unequal in its operations. He knows that we must have manufactures. It is impossible to do without them; but he has yet to learn that it is necessary, or just, that manufactures must be sustained by injustice, cruelty, ignorance, vice, and misery; which is now the fact to a startling degree. If what we have stated be true, and we challenge denial, what must be done? Must we fold our arms and say, it always was so and always will be? If we did so, would it not almost rouse from their graves the heroes of our Revolution? Would not the cold marble representing our beloved Washington start into life and reproach us for our cowardice? Let the word be — onward! onward! We know the difficulties are great, and the obstacles many; but, as yet, we 'know our rights, and knowing, dare maintain.' We wish to injure no man, and we are determined not to be injured as we have been; we wish nothing but those equal rights which were designed for us all. And although wealth, and prejudice, and slander, and abuse are all brought to bear on us, we have one consolation — 'We are the majority.'

One difficulty is a want of information among our own class, and the *higher orders* reproach us for our ignorance; but, thank God, we have enough of intelligence among us yet to show the world that all is not lost.

Another difficulty among us is—the press has been almost wholly, and is now in a great degree, closed upon us. We venture to assert that the press is *bribed by gold* in many instances; and we believe that if law had done what gold has accomplished, our country would, before this time, have been deluged with blood. But workingmen's papers are multiplying, and we shall soon, by the diffusion of intelligence, be enabled to form a front which will show all *monopolists*, and all *tyrants*, that we are not only determined to have the name of freemen, but that we will *live freemen and die freemen*.

Fellow citizens of New England, farmers, mechanics, and laborers, we have borne these evils by far too long; we have been deceived by all parties; we must take our business into our own hands. Let us awake. Our cause is the cause of truth — of justice and humanity. *It must prevail*. Let us be determined no longer to be deceived by the cry of those who produce *nothing* and who enjoy *all*, and who *insultingly* term us — the *farmers, the mechanics, and laborers* — the *lower orders*, and *exultingly* claim our homage for themselves, as the *higher orders*—while the Declaration of Independence asserts that 'All men are created equal.'

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# SAN FRANCISCO SHOW CALLED BEST EVER



Crowds stream down ramp to show after opening-day ceremony.

The beautiful city by the Golden Gate, San Francisco, was an appropriate setting for the Union Industry Show, highlight of the AFL-CIO Union Label and Service Trades Department's golden anniversary.

For 21 of its 50 years, the Department has held its impressive big show in various large cities of our nation with record-breaking attendance each time.

Three years ago in Seattle, Washington, for example, the Union Industry Show drew the biggest crowd for any single event in that city's history.

Top attendance for any one show occurred in Chicago in 1951 when 900,000 crowded the doors to see union goods and services on display.

This year in famed San Francisco, some 365,000 persons visited Brooks Hall, in the city's Civic Center, during the days May 1 through 6.

#### **Hall Beneath the Ground**

Brooks Hall is worth seeing in itself. Viewing the peaceful city park covering a huge city block, one would never suspect the hive of activity confined beneath in the spacious new exhibition hall built

completely underground. (The natives refer to it as "Mole Hall." True it's underground but for bright lighting, construction and cleanliness it cannot be surpassed.)

The "hive of activity" we referred to is, we believe, a fitting description for the show in progress.

There were approximately 350 booths, beautifully decorated, arranged in this modern display center, and in them were set up exhibits and goods estimated to be worth about \$20 million dollars.

Union members and management were proud to show their wares, the fruits of their labors, and a variety of goods there were too—everything from a fiberglass boat manufactured by the Glass Bottle Blowers, to a coffin made by the Upholsterers.

Union services were on display also. Meateutters carved beef, Sheepshearers sheared sheep, Barbers cut hair, Bakers baked cake, Printers got out a daily show newspaper, Garment Workers sewed at their machines. They were all there, union workers on parade.

It wasn't all just to look at, either—\$60,000 worth of prizes, souvenirs and food were given away.

#### **IBEW Prize**

The IBEW booth, pictures of which accompany this article, was a large one, 50 feet long by 20 feet wide. About a third of this space housed a modern, electric kitchen, complete with washer-dryer combination, dishwasher, wall oven, table top stove, disposal, refrigerator with deep freeze compartment, and literally hundreds of feet of closet and drawer space, hidden behind attractive birch doors. The entire kitchen was color-coordinated in shades of pink and tan. Its attractive snack bar, with its tall wrought-iron and raffia chairs and attractive hanging lights and decorative accessories, brought many wistful sighs from the housewives in attendance.

Our kitchen was considered the top prize of the show, since it was given away intact, with the Brotherhood paying for installation in the winner's home in the amount of \$2000.

The lucky winner was Mrs. Lina Romano, a San Francisco housewife. Born in Italy, she and her husband who is a gardener came to America a number of years ago. They own their own five-room house and, of course, were extreme-



A large crowd of visitors to the big union exhibition are gathered around the Brotherhood booth for a drawing.

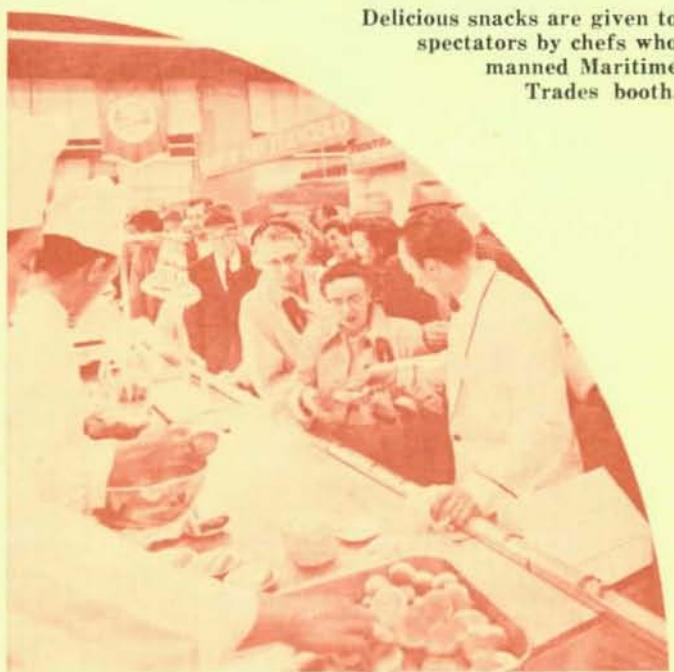


Eager spectators crowd around booth to receive tickets on the completely-equipped electric kitchen given as prize.

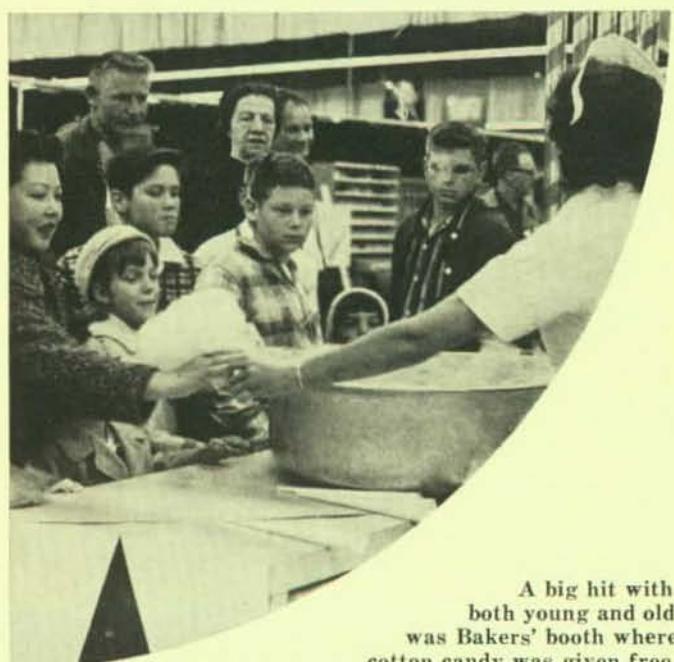
Woman visitor to the exhibit of hairdressers holds her baby as operator demonstrates various hair styles.



Delicious snacks are given to spectators by chefs who manned Maritime Trades booth.



Small boy gets haircut as Barber exhibit interests a large group of visitors.



A big hit with both young and old was Bakers' booth where cotton candy was given free.



Some of the attendants at the IBEW booth at the show pose for a group photo. First row, from left: Mrs. Robert Hover; Mrs. Ralph Bell; Mrs. Charles J. Foehn; Miss Bernadine Quinn, I.O. Staff. Second row: Ted Karas, L.U. 6; International Secretary Joseph D. Keenan; I.E.C. Member Charles J. Foehn; Miss Doris Froman, I.O. Staff; Charles Issel, L.U. 6; Louis Bruni, L.U. 6. Rear row: Robert Foehn, Ralph Bell, and William Reedy, L.U. 6; Miss Marie Downey, I.R.; Mrs. Robert Foehn; Otto Webber, L.U. 6.

ly pleased to win our beautiful RCA Whirlpool all-electric kitchen. There were 55,000 chances in the big drum at the time of the final drawing.

In addition to the grand prize, there were drawings nightly for union-made electrical appliances.

#### Prize Winners

On the first night of the show a small girl was called from the audience to draw the winning ticket. After the chancery had been thoroughly shuffled, the little girl closed her eyes, reached deep into the mound of some 10,000 tickets and grabbed one. Imagine the amazement of all when the name was called and it was discovered that the child had drawn her own mother's name. It was a proud and happy little girl who presented her mother, Mrs. Otto Schultze of San Francisco, with a Hoover Vacuum Cleaner.

Following is a list of others who won prizes at our Brotherhood Booth:

W. J. Braves, Oakland, California—a Hoffman Portable TV set.

E. L. Parker, San Francisco, California—a Hoover Vacuum Cleaner.

Mrs. L. Dimmer, San Francisco, California—an RCA Portable TV set.

Mrs. Fordan, Redwood City, California—a Hoffman Hi Fi Console.

L. Madsen, San Francisco, California—an RCA Portable TV set.

S. Price, San Francisco—Hoover Vacuum Cleaner.

F. P. Balistreri, San Jose, California—an RCA Portable TV set.

P. Tyll, San Francisco, California—a Hoffman Hi Fi Console.

M. M. Banks, Oakland, California—a Hoffman Portable TV set.

J. A. Gorduno, San Francisco, California—a Hoover Vacuum Cleaner.

Joanne Noto, San Francisco, California—an RCA Transistor Radio.

#### Manufacturers' Displays

In addition to our electrical kitchen display and our distribution of electrical prizes, approximately two-thirds of the IBEW booth was devoted to displays of items manufactured by IBEW members. Some of these exhibits—fixtures, wire and cable, transistors, electrical fittings of all kinds, etc., together with photos of IBEW manufacturing members at work, were mounted on attractive display boards and raised on standards which were built to fit down into redwood flower boxes. These boxes were a blaze of color each day, since they held hundreds of California flowers. Nightly these flowers



In square above: R. McMenamin, L.U. 6 member, left, with his young son, who drew the winning ticket for the kitchen, as V.P. Oscar Harbak rewards the boy.

In circle: I.E.C. Member Chas. Foehn, Geo. Pfaff, L.U. 202, V.P. Harbak and interested spectators watch a youngster draw the winner for portable television.



were distributed to admiring visitors and the boxes replenished the following morning.

Heavier electrical exhibits—neon signs, samples of marine equipment, for example, were placed on the floor, or on tables within the confines of the booth, where all visitors could view them easily.

One exhibit which attracted



African labor leader Tom Mboya of Kenya was greeted by Secretary Keenan. AFL-CIO Secretary Schnitzler at left, Chas. Foehn at right.



Hundreds who had never before seen a sheep shorn of its wool watched intently at Butcher Workers' booth as champion shearer did his stint. Meat cutters also gave away large quantities of steaks, other meats.

much attention was an open elevator panel, showing the maze of wiring which is all a part of the smooth "ups and downs" of elevator operation.

We are grateful to Charles Foehn, business manager of L. U. 6, and George Quinn, business manager of Manufacturing Local 892, for their help and cooperation in obtaining so many locally-made IBEW products to complete our display, and to national manufacturers RCA, Hoover, Thomas and Betts Company, Steel City Electric Company, Lightolier Fixture Company and General Cable Corporation, whose IBEW-made products were part of our exhibit.

As usual, our own local union people were on the job each day of the six-day show, to aid in passing out tickets, answering questions, conducting the drawings and in general being good public relations agents for our Brotherhood.

#### These Members Helped

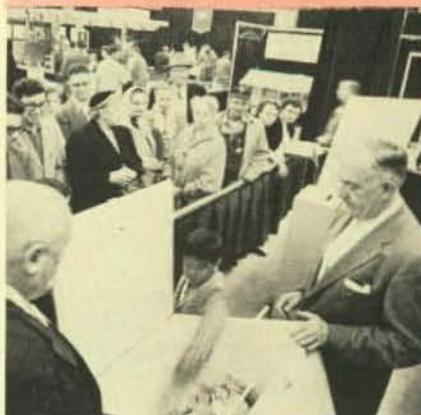
We would like to extend our thanks and pay a small tribute to them by listing their names here.

Vice President Oscar G. Harbak, Charles Foehn (L. U. 6), Mrs. Charles Foehn, Joseph Ziff (L. U. 6), Mrs. Joseph Ziff, Ernest Ferrari (L. U. 6), Mrs. Ernest Ferrari, William Reedy (L. U. 6), Mrs.

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California Gov. Pat Brown, left, and San Francisco's Mayor George Christopher enjoyed cake in Bakers' booth.

Many regular visitors followed work of Bricklayer apprentices in daily competitions for national champion.



Secretary Keenan officiates as tiny visitor pulls lucky winner of portable television set from opened box.

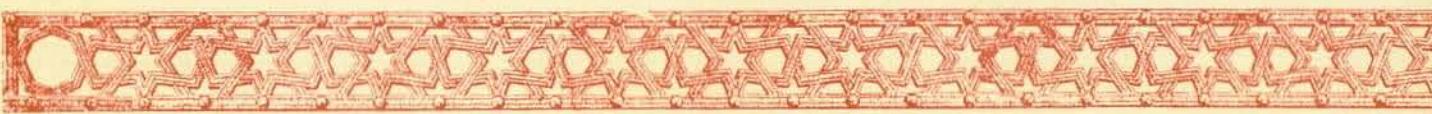


Visitor with tired youngster takes opportunity to read over literature distributed by unions to the crowds.

## JOURNEY TO

# INDIA

Right: International Secretary Joseph D. Keenan pictured with Jawaharlal Nehru, India's premier, during his Asian trip.



WHEN I was a boy on the west side of Chicago, I thought I saw the real face of poverty and want. I also thought I saw it when I was working in the deep South and, of course, very vividly during the height of the American Depression but I never saw it so sharply as during my recent journey to Asia, where I journeyed to India, to Japan, to Hong Kong, Singapore, and the Philippines.

In India, thousands upon thousands of families are expected to carry out their entire cycle of life and death in the streets. In fact, in Calcutta, there is a Catholic religious order whose major duty is to retrieve the bodies of people who have starved to death and to provide them with a decent burial,

or to make comfortable the last remaining moments of the dying. A visit to Calcutta's railroad station—not far from the fashionable Chowringhee district—was an unforgettable appalling sight. Here, thousands of refugees live in filth and grinding poverty. A face of a mother peering out of the dark recesses of a dirty, burlap tent is haggard and unsmiling, although—in the miracle that is childhood—her little boy stands grinning broadly in the mud outside.

Meanwhile, the population of India—which is nearly 400,000,000 now—grows at the rate of 6,000,000 souls a year—outstripping rapidly the present rates of productivity!!

For their part, the Communists

—like the buzzards we saw on the road to Agra—are waiting to pick up the pieces. They have become an aggressive force throughout India, challenging the existing order wherever they can. They already have political control of Kerala, an important Indian state. They are also moving in to take control of the Indian trade union movement. They are interested in plant or plantation, blue, white, or "no-collar" workers. What is worse, they are having alarming success in the very heart of India's industrial "Ruhr," which covers the great states of Bihar, West Bengal, and Orissa. At Jamshedpur, where the Tata Iron and Steel Works are located, the Communists participated in a violent and bloody strike last year.



Left: Industrial methods in India are primitive. Here a metal scoop, pulled by oxen, slowly does work which would ordinarily be done in jig-time by a bulldozer.

Right: View of Bombay, taken from high on Malabar Hill. Beach at right is Chowpatty Sands, favored by local residents for its cool evening sea breezes.

Although the free trade union at the plant was able to withstand them, they still have a very strong foothold in that area. At Bhilai, where the Soviet Union is building and will operate a gigantic steel producing installation, the Communist union will have an even easier success. There is also a German and British "turn-key" operation. (In this connection, much is being said about the way in which Russians have been bending over backwards to be kind to the Indian technicians and workers at the plant which they are constructing. They have developed an outstanding sense of good

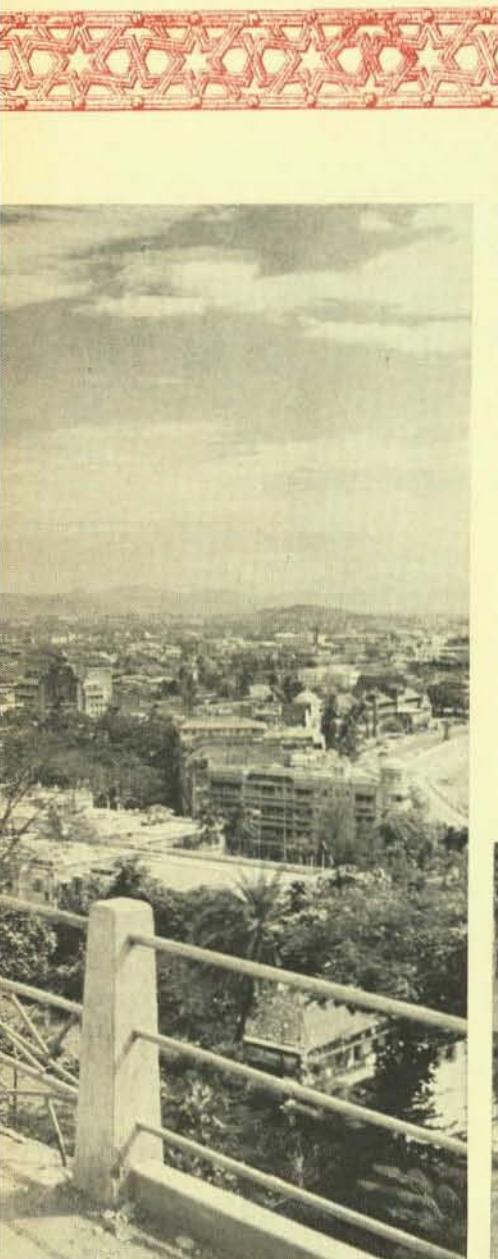
community relations which helps their cause.

(For example, when an Indian worker is injured, two of the Soviet technicians have been known to pick up the victim and carry him long distances to a first aid station rather than to wait for an ambulance.)

It is not only want, however, which helps the Communists advance their power and prestige among the workers. They appear to have unlimited supplies of funds. It is understood, for example, that Russian aid projects are being paid for in unconverti-

ble rupees which, of course, must be spent in India. It has been reported that the TU-104, Russia's famous jet which wings its way regularly from Moscow to New Delhi, carries diplomatically-protected funds for use by Indian Communists. In West Bengal, we were told that three organizers, a jeep and 11 bicycles have appeared "as if by magic" for the use of Communist organizers. Coincidental to the much heralded arrival of India's Communist Party leader, S. A. Dange, visiting an industrial area, there also appeared a brand new jeep. In his

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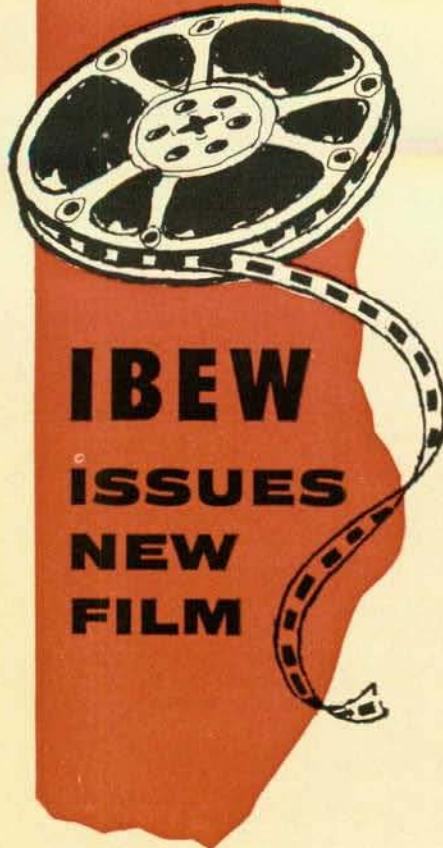


Above: Indians are making strenuous efforts to improve their status. A new crushed rock roadway goes down with ancient steam roller aided by workers armed with hand tools.

Right: These two children belong to the richest peasant in Kallabelle. Fly-covered, they are on dirt floor.

Below: This group is planning construction of new homes and factories in model town of Faridabad, built with technical assistance of the U.S. Point Four Program.





**J**UST about a year ago the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers issued a new film entitled "Operation Brotherhood" which as many of our readers know, outlined the growth of electricity, told of the early days of our struggle to found a union, touched on the position of security and strength our Brotherhood occupies today, and stressed the benefits of belonging to the IBEW.

This first film was very well received, not only by our own members but by other AFL-CIO affiliates and by persons and organizations not directly concerned with the labor movement, the United States Labor Department, for example, schools, and church and fraternal societies.

The IBEW now has a new film ready for showing. Entitled "IBEW 26th Convention—A Report to the Members," it is just that—a review of our recent convention in Cleveland. We have attempted to show exactly how a convention of our Brotherhood operates—from the time a member registers as a delegate until the final session ends, he collects his expense check and leaves for home.

Our film gives a number of overall views of the entire convention, which as you know was a big one. Viewers watch the floor action, an election caucus. They hear Mr. Freeman in his keynote address with its charge to the membership.

They are impressed and at the same time highly entertained by the remarks of former President Harry Truman. Principal points

in a hard-hitting address by AFL-CIO President George Meany, as well as excerpts from the speeches of the president of the National Electrical Contractors' Association and former president of Edison Electric Institute, both employers of IBEW members, and others are included.

The film runs for 25 minutes.

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Above: Movie camera on platform in balcony (left of photo) commanded view of audience and of the stage.

Right: President Harry Truman as he appeared to movie men while his speech was being taken in sound.

Below: Movie caught temporary chairman Vincent Skodis as he introduced President Freeman for his keynote.

Below, right: Crew of the movie-makers at center-hall position before the rostrum. Man in center is monitoring the sound through his headset.



 COMMUNIST  
DOMINATED AREAS



## The Way of a

# CANCER

The cancer of communism has spread rapidly in recent years. All people should be made aware of the cause of this disease and do their utmost to retard it.

(This month the JOURNAL begins a new series entitled, *The Way of a Cancer, the story of communism*. It is the tale of a malignancy which is spreading throughout the world with terrifying results. It is the story of a philosophy of corruption which decays minds and men, topples cultures and capitals and, in practice, ruthlessly subjugates peoples with every brutal means at its disposal. The first part in this series, *A World Sees Red*, discusses the teachings, aims and methods of this cancer and attempts to analyze the "why" of communism's personnel. In the following months, communism in the United States, Soviet Russia, Red China and the Satellite countries will be discussed.)

### Some Background

SINCE the beginning of time someone has had a better idea for running the world. Various

economic and social philosophies have been the vogue at one time or another. But these ideas have been little more than complex fads de-

signed to better the plight of the common man and they passed, in time, in favor of newer, more intriguing fancies.

But in the early part of the nineteenth century, western Europe underwent a transition caused by the Industrial Revolution. Working men were suddenly faced with an age of machines which culminated in the application of science to industry. The trek from the farm to the factory began. The long-range result was an economic development never before known. Men with capital began investing

in new manufacturing ventures and thus the expression, "capitalism," was allied with investments, profits and privately-owned businesses.

However, the machines of industry would break down from time to time as the men who fondled this new wealth often blundered. Depression often resulted with thousands of people out of work.

In addition, the machines began making more devastating tools for war and the increased destructive forces of war were worse than ever before.

#### Fulfillment Certain

That the Industrial Revolution was to bring a better life, in its fulfillment, was a certainty. But the people who suffered during the bitter wait of trial and error were hard to convince. The unemployed man who tried to feed his family or lost his land to invading hordes during this transitional era began to blame the aches of the world on the bankers and factory owners.

The new "capitalism" became the scapegoat of this period. It was the fault of capitalism that all of this deprivation occurred, many people believed.

#### Socialism

Socialism seemed to be the re-

bief from the evils of capitalism, many began to think. Philosophers such as Karl Marx and Friedrich Engels told the people that the means of production—mines, factories, raw materials, stores, etc.—were owned by capitalists because they alone had the means to invest in and operate them. Take these means from the capitalists and put them under the wing of public ownership, the people were urged.

#### Shaky Axiom

From this shaky axiom, Marx wrote *Das Kapital* and concluded that the capitalists were a privileged few under the system. He divided society sharply into two categories: the wage earners and the capitalists. The latter, Marx said, exploited the wage earner and he also stated that eventual war would result. Put all industry and the means of production into a common kitty and let the people themselves administer common rights for all, Marx concluded.

It is not the intent of this writing to try to discern the rights and wrongs of capitalism or socialism, but rather to show how communism was conceived. However, it should be pertinent to state here that Marx did not reckon sufficiently with the trade union movement and its collective

bargaining processes nor did he deal sufficiently with the unknown "x"—the human factor—the minds of men.

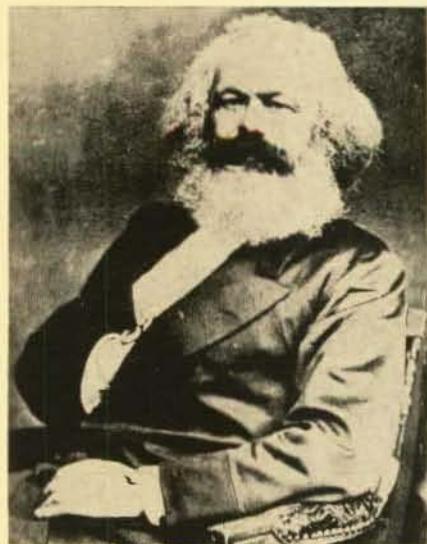
Marx believed that a great struggle would result between the workers and capitalists, a struggle which would end in victory for the workers. They would take over the government and state ownership would replace private ownership.

It is probably needless to say that no matter who controls an economy, decisions regarding the methods of production must be made. And even if this decision factor is a group of men, it must respect the wishes of the state. And, as is the case now in Soviet Russia, those wishes are to step up production of heavy industry and the worker is nothing but a slave—a slave in an economy in which there are relatively no consumer goods. However, Marx believed that the "dictatorship of the bourgeoisie" would eventually give way to a classless society.

#### From Socialism to Communism

A delineation between socialism and communism began to take place in the last quarter of the 19th century in western Europe. Exactly how much of Marxist writing influenced Socialist think-

Karl Marx, German economist-philosopher, formed basis for socialist movement adopted in Russia.



Nicolai Lenin, Russian bolshevik leader, studied Marrian teachings, instituted new Russ economic era.



Nikita Khrushchev, present Russian top man, has acknowledged talent as negotiator; is threat to be faced.



ing would be hard to ascertain. But it is a certainty that the Socialists in this period did believe that democracy was a *must* if socialism were to survive.

Nicolai Lenin, on the other hand, believed that a small group—the "vanguard" he called them—should take the responsibility of putting into effect whatever measures were necessary for the "welfare" of the state. This doctrine, of course, is diametrically opposed to the basic elements of democracy. He further advocated the armed overthrow of capitalism.

The macabre Communist machine in Russia really began to roll in 1917. Before then a relatively small faction, they took advantage of the revolution against the Czar in March of that year and organized a second chaotic rebellion which brought them into power in November. Opposition was liquidated and a secret police system was uniquely organized to keep any non-Communists' ideas from attaining fruition. And, so it is today that a small dictatorial faction controls Russia—a faction which represents only a little over three percent of Russia's entire population!

#### **The Outlook Today and Tomorrow**

Today the Soviet system is a well-oiled machine which uses militant action, subversion and propaganda to achieve its one purpose—the establishment of the Communist regime throughout the world.

Their immediate goal is to weaken other countries to a point where world-wide communism will be possible. Their successes to date in Asia, eastern Europe, complete with the pot which is

beginning to boil vigorously in South America, give ample cause for alarm.

That they will stop at nothing to obtain their objective is graphically illustrated by their outward aggression. But more fearful yet is the malignancy which is spreading *within* countries. Communist parties—that is, *agents of Communist Russia*—are masters at

spreading their disease within the very core of a country. The parasite feeds on a variety of foods: poverty in China; depressions in countries where the standard of living is higher perhaps; and the dissatisfaction which breeds in countries where a noticeable chasm exists between the wealthy and the poor.

The people in these countries



Top: East German youths march in an anti-American demonstration which urged end to Marshall Plan aid to Europe.

Above: Advantages of communism are lost on these dying Chinese victims of famine under "proletarian dictatorship."

Below: The evil of the absolute monarchy in Russia was the immediate cause that sent the nation into a revolt. These are revolutionaries charging in a battle of 1917.





Communism breeds on the maladjusted thinker who seeks a substitute for the Church or merely wants to take out his resentment of society.

all out for relief, they think it might be secured in a domestic party which promises concern for their grievances. They embrace this domestic party only to find it is, in reality, a tool of the Communist government in Russia.

This is one of the principal stratagems of Communist Russia: to plant a seed of another name in an unaware country. The domestic parties, no matter what their names might be, turn out to be not domestic at all—only *local branches of a world-wide organization*.

#### **Well-Defined; Well-Disguised**

Although the workings of communism are veiled in the guise of other names and groups, their actions are easily defined. They seize upon local issues to cover up their real intention. They (Communist parties) are definitely agents of the Soviet Union; they have a systematic espionage set up; they are ready at all times to conduct armed uprisings when conditions

permit; and they infiltrate non-Communist groups and then go after the key positions in those groups.

#### **Who Are They?**

We have established who Communists are as far as their loyalties are concerned. But, who are they? How do they think? Would you know one if he walked by you on the street?

It is extremely difficult to ascertain why many people embrace communism. It is easily understood how ignorant peoples will embrace the belief if they are hungry or unemployed. They will grasp at any straw which holds out a promise of a better life.

#### **How Explained**

But there are a good many in the Communist Party who are brilliant. How is this explained? Probably the easiest explanation would parallel the reasons for any other type of perversion. Many brilliant men and women through-

out the history of mankind have had one sort of perversion or another. For many, that perversion has been communism.

The core of that perversion which spins its malignant web is often easy to trace. It begins in youth when the mind is very impressionable. They are taught that the individual is responsible to the state alone, and no one else. Fortunately many thus affected in youth drop out of the Party in later years when reason and discretion become a better part of their lives.

Many are not aware of the actual principles until they join the Party—then it might be unsafe to back out. To whom does Communism actually appeal then?

#### **The Maladjusted**

Communism appeals largely to those who are maladjusted and want to be told what to do or are escaping some personal problem.

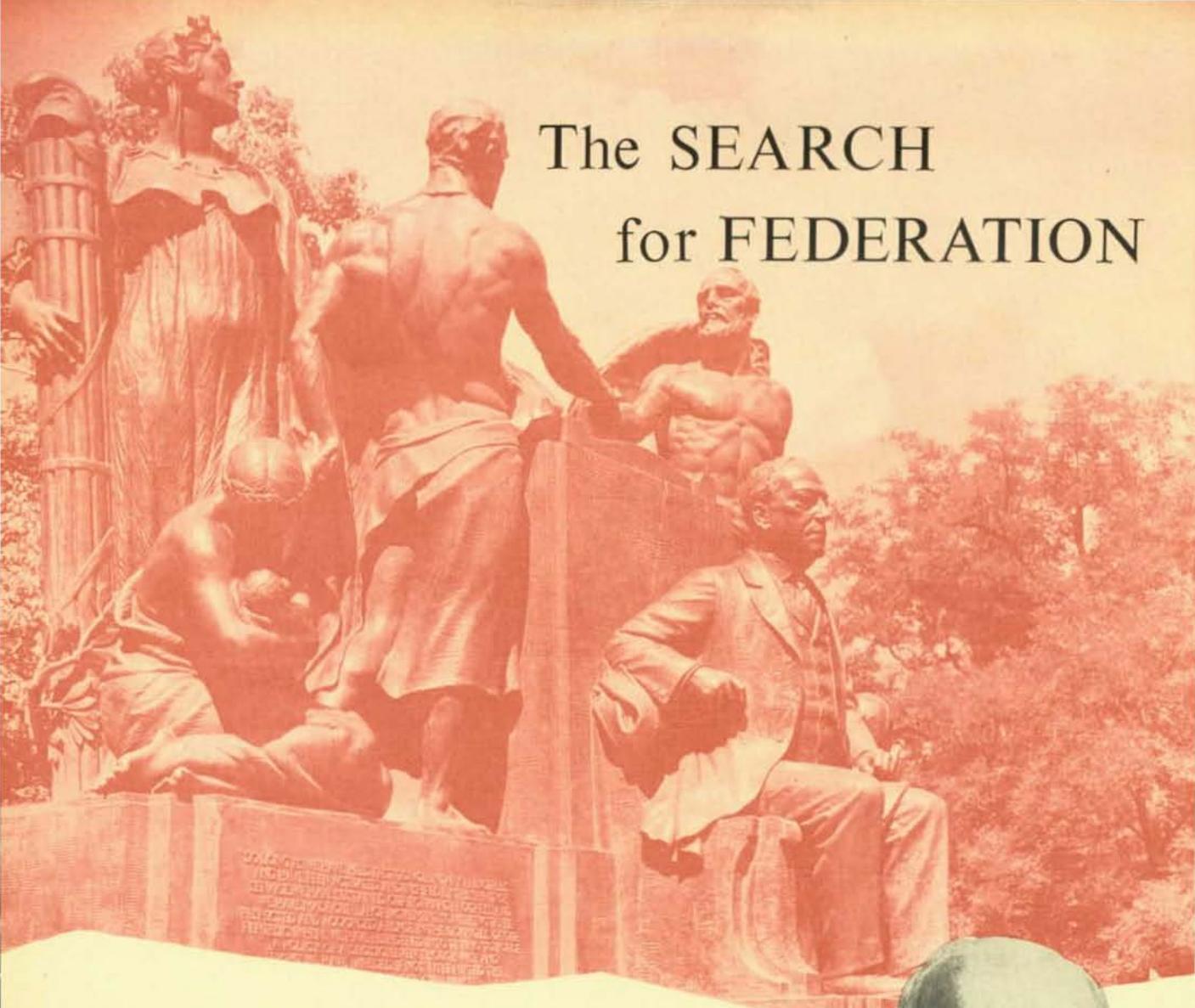
#### **A Substitute**

For many, the Party is a substitute for church, for others, an outlet for resentments against society. It easily appeals to idealists who accept communism at the face value of its propaganda machine.

To many it represents an answer for those who are impatient with the slowness of democratic process. Some are impressed by the rapid industrialization in Russia, or the intense nationalism, or the promise of miracles.

Communism's outward appearances can formulate some semblance of appeal for many who feel confused in their way of thinking. The vision of communism is often clouded and the eyes of many who consider adopting it are duped into seeing red.

That the world sees red in many lands today should be of utmost concern to every thinking person. We should always be on guard against it—in our schools, industries, civic organizations—lest we wake up some morning and find that the malignancy has spread too far, that it is incurably welded to our very lives.



# The SEARCH for FEDERATION

ONE glance would tell you that he was a formidable man. This in spite of the fact that he was short, squat and caricatured by more than one would-be artist as a humpty-dumpty with a barrel-like body and thin, spindly legs. His head was large with sparse unruly hair and a pair of spectacles rested upon the bridge of his large nose and gave his eyes a severe, penetrating quality.

To some he appeared as a Napoleon, to others, a college professor. To some he was a compromiser, a power-hungry opportunist, a politician and a friend of capitalists. To others he was a harbinger of prosperity who sought to better the working-man's plight through the practical application of trade union principles in an age when the trade union was likened to little more than a scourge of locusts throughout the land. To these

people he was a Moses leading an army of destitute, homeless men and women out of a wilderness of industrial chaos and deprivation. To them he was truly a savior.

#### *The Early, Formative Years*

The eldest of six children, Samuel Gompers was born in 1850 to Jewish parents of Dutch descent. His family was barely able to keep out of the clutches of poverty and young Gompers realized that life for some was certainly a school of hard knocks for they lived in that factory section of London which regularly placed children on the streets. He attended school until the age of ten. However, the family fortunes were not substantial enough to care for six children on the father's earnings alone and so young Sam took up the trade of a cigar maker.

In 1863 large waves of immi-



Samuel Gompers, English-born Jewish first president of the American Federation of Labor. His statue has prominent position in Washington, D.C.

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grants were coming to America's shores in hopes of a better life. Several friends and relatives of the Gompers' had already made



the westward trek and beckoned for Samuel's family to follow. To most boys of 13 who would have arrived in this country to live in a crowded New York tenement house crunched between a smelly stockyard and a noisy brewery, the prospects for a better life might have indeed seemed dim, but there were opportunities to be made if one asserted oneself. Besides the daily chores of his trade, Sam began to take an active interest in debating societies, Saturday night lectures and recitals at Cooper Union and he undertook to learn German in order to read literature in that language so that he could better understand the ideas and philosophies of other peoples.

It was not long before he became aware of a feeling of rightness for a fraternal order of working men. He joined Cigarmakers' Union Local 15 and by the time he was 16 he was negotiating for better working conditions for fellow workingmen old enough to be his grandfather.

But life was not without its lighter moments either. There

were picnics and dances and when Sam was 17 he met Sophia Julian, whose family had also immigrated from England. A friend had asked Sam to look after Sophia while he was out of town for the summer. And Sam obliged: he married her shortly after!

#### A Life Work

Although he had taken an active role in union work early in his life, Samuel Gompers did not feel its true impact or realize its full implications until later. The practical every-day matters of gaining decent wages were real to him, but it was not until he thoughtfully delved into the deeper meanings underlying the labor movement that he was to decide it would become his life work.

He soon discovered that to have a lasting quality in its formation the labor movement should ally itself with the principles of humanitarianism. That the workings of the trade union movement must be based upon its humanity became uppermost in his mind and to understand this about Gompers is to

understand the reasons behind decisions he made later in life. He was quick to realize that disorganization and impulsive decisions would gain naught for labor and this view is manifested quite clearly in his later invectives against radical elements within the labor movement.

#### A Congress Convenes

No event in the life of Gompers had the significance of his staunch undying support of a federation of trade unions. There was, at this time, the Knights of Labor which offered some semblance of organization for the working man. However, the Knights championed the cause of one large mass of working men without regard to craft or trade. They wanted an organized labor structure built under one central head but this idea was impractical in its application and was the main reason the Knights of Labor eventually failed.

What Gompers and others wanted was a *federation* of various trade unions. This was the seed which led to the call for a congress

Top left: Gompers and his secretary in small, cluttered, gas-lit AF of L office in New York City.

Top right: Testifying before senate committee in 1914, Gompers is wearing ceremonial Hebrew yarmulka, a black skull-cap.

At right: With Pres. Woodrow Wilson and Secretary of Labor William B. Wilson, Gompers officiates at dedication of AFL building in 1916.

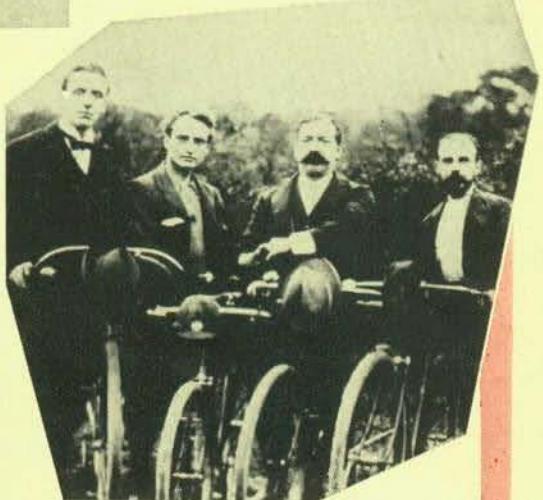




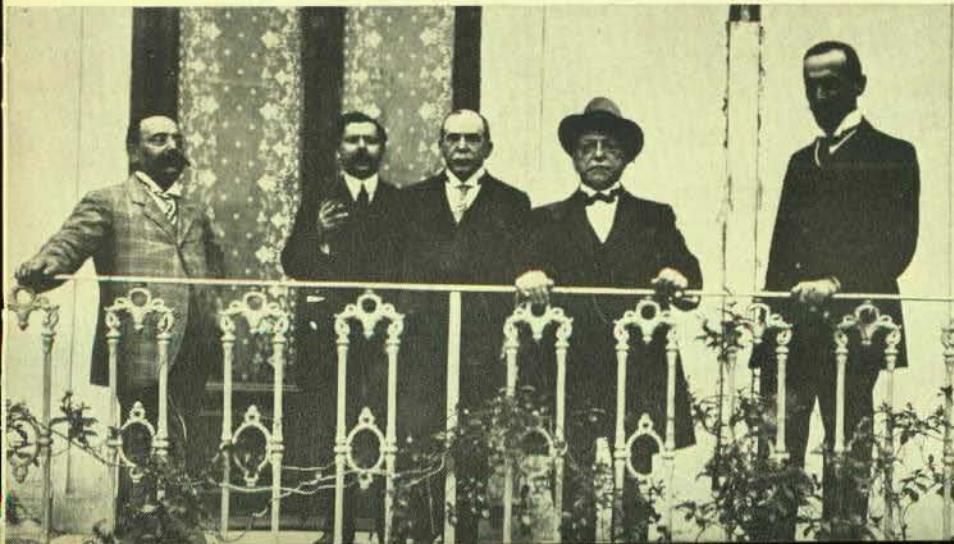
Left: Gompers considered prohibition as abridgement of personal liberties. Here he marches in 1919 parade against Volstead Act.

Below, left: John McBride, a mine worker, defeated Gompers for AFL presidency in 1894.

Below: Gompers, third from left, on cycle tour of London with friends in 1895.



Above: Gompers shakes hand of "Fighting Bob" LaFollette as young Bob looks on. LaFollette was AFL-endorsed for presidency in 1924 race.



Left: Gompers on Italian balcony in 1909, with immigration officials. He gave talk to large group of Italian citizens.



It was also stressed by Gompers that no political affinities should be made by the labor movement, that vague promises made by a political party or candidate should not be a lure as far as the labor movement was concerned.

#### **Move Toward Federation**

It must be pointed out here that Gompers was now completely imbued with the idea that he would spend his life fighting for trade union principles, principles based on "the understanding and use of economic power." He had seen the devastating panic of 1873 in which a stock-watered economy put thousands of unemployed men in bread lines, in which the say of the little man meant nothing compared to the stock votes of a few rich.

Gompers learned at this Pittsburgh convention that a great deal of work remained before a federation could be established. The group called themselves the *Federation of Organized Trades and Labor Unions*. A Legislative Committee was formed with Gompers as chairman. There was little money in the treasury, there would be no pay for the officers but there was a devout motivation to crusade

for a stronger federation among the trades.

Gompers worked incessantly for the next two years toward this goal. At the convention in 1883 he was named president of the group and thus began his role as a nationally known leader in labor. Gompers realized that the old Federation, which stressed relief of problems for the working man through political and legislative actions alone, was inadequate. Economic relief was needed and great strides were made to inculcate an answer to the working man's needs when the old Federation merged into American Federation of Labor in 1886. A per capita tax of half a cent per month was established and although the \$1000 per year salary given to the newly elected President Gompers, was hardly adequate for Samuel, his wife and six children, a start had been made in the right direction.

An Executive Council was also provided to work closely with Gompers to watch legislation, carry on more extensive organization, to assist justifiable boycotts and to cooperate in financing strikes.

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**Top:** Gompers at last meeting of AFL executive council before he died on Dec. 13, 1924.

**Above:** Gompers with his wife, Sophia, and daughter, Sadie, in Los Angeles during 1915.



**Below:** Caisson carries Gompers' body from Washington's Union Station after special train arrived from San Antonio, Texas, where he had died.



# RAILROAD Progress Meet IN CHICAGO

THE annual Progress Meeting of the Tenth District was held at the Hamilton Hotel, Chicago, Illinois, on April 17 and 18, 1959.

Delegates present at this conference represented local unions having members on railroads throughout the United States and Canada, along with General Chairmen and International Representatives.

International Vice President J. J. Duffy, who presided at the conference, expressed the regrets of International President Gordon M. Freeman and International Secretary Joseph D. Keenan that they were unable to attend this meeting due to the pressing work of our Brotherhood, and extended their best wishes to the delegates assembled.

Vice President Duffy explained the status of our Bills in the House of Representatives and the Senate to amend the Railroad Retirement and Unemployment Insurance Acts. He emphasized the fact that both the retired and unemployed workers are hard-pressed by rising

prices, and urged prompt approval of the amendments backed by railroad labor.

Alfred D. Ciano, field representative of the Apprentice Training Bureau, United States Department of Labor, spoke on the need for improving apprenticeship on railroads and urged all who can to attend the Third National Railroad Apprentice Conference to be held at Omaha, Nebraska, during the month of October this year. At this conference the principal topic for discussion will be "Where Do We Go From Here?"

Vice President Duffy also called for stepped-up apprentice training in order that we may be able to meet the demand for skilled Electrical Workers, pointing out that future needs will be greater because of continued expansion of electronics in the railroad industry.

Herbert Heasley, representing the Savings Bonds Division of the United States Treasury Department, spoke on the importance of the Savings Bond program.

Horace W. Harper, labor mem-

ber, and John Griner, labor relations officer, of the Railroad Retirement Board spoke on the necessity of getting Congress to act on the amendments now before them as contained in Bills H.R. 1012 and S. 226.

Vice President Duffy then discussed with the delegates a course to be followed in the future as the national agreement negotiated in 1956 by the IBEW and other non-operating railroad unions expires November 1 of this year.

Floor discussions produced numerous suggestions, such as a substantial wage increase, after the escalator is added to the basic rate, differentials for night shifts, longer paid vacations, paid holidays without restrictions, limiting the contracting out of work and the stabilization of employment.

Vice President Duffy then distributed forms among the delegates for them to list their suggestions, and advised them their suggestions would be given full consideration when the Chief Executives meet to

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Delegates to Railroad Progress Meeting have legislation and apprenticeship as pressing matters in Chicago meet held April 17 and 18. Vice President Duffy scathingly denounced contracting out work with employees laid off.



# New England

## PROGRESS MEET IN HARTFORD

THE Progress Meeting for the Second District, comprising all of the New England States, was held in Hartford, Connecticut on April 17th and 18th in the Statler-Hilton Hotel.

It seems as though the cities in which our Progress Meetings are held, are beginning to compete to find which one can cause the most excitement for the delegates. Two years ago in Portland, Maine, the delegates were shaken out of bed by an earthquake. Last year in Boston, Massachusetts the delegates were confronted with a late spring six-inch snowfall. This year in Hartford the delegation found itself a part of a very serious 30-minute Civil Defense test. Sirens screamed, whistles blew and the entire population of Hartford took

cover as Civil Defense Police made sure nobody moved on the streets until the all clear signal sounded. This all begins to make one wonder just what will be in store for us next year.

International Vice President John J. Regan called the session to order with 132 delegates reporting from 76 local unions, eager to exchange ideas on progress of the electrical industry in New England.

International President Gordon M. Freeman was unable to attend this meeting due to his heavy work schedule. His presence was certainly missed as the delegation always looks forward to an inspiring speech from our leader.

However, we were fortunate to have International Secretary Joseph D. Keenan present to ad-

dress the delegation. He made a fine report on the financial structure of the Brotherhood. One of the more important topics he discussed concerned the death benefit program of the IBEW. If we had to purchase this same protection ourselves, the premium would be much more because of the type of work performed by our membership.

Brother Keenan stressed the work of the Committee on Political Education, known as "COPE." He urgently requested that we make every effort to get the membership to support this organization in order that we may obtain friendly representation in Congress.

We are fortunate to have an International Secretary so well versed in legislation. We received

Scene as 132 delegates from 76 local unions gathered in Hartford, Connecticut, for Second District Progress Meet.



a very interesting and detailed report on Senator Kennedy's Labor Bill. This subject was extremely timely because we knew that while Brother Keenan was talking to us about the pros and cons of the bill, certain amendments to the bill were being voted by Congress at the same time. We hope that the pros will outweigh the cons after the bill is established and that the bill will prove to be a help to labor.

Another topic of interest from the talk of Brother Keenan was his reference to his trip to India for the United States Government in order to make a study of the economic conditions of that country. He told the delegation about the working conditions in India and made special mention of the employment of women.

Joseph C. Profita, marketing manager in the Industrial Apparatus Division of the Raytheon Manufacturing Company of Waltham, Massachusetts, gave a very interesting talk on electronics, a product in which his firm specializes. He emphasized the fact that the Electronic Era is here and we must train the young journeyman and apprentice with a full course on electronic problems. Mr. Profita represented the largest employing establishment in the state of

Massachusetts. The Raytheon Company has an agreement with the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers covering some 20,000 employes. It also has one of the finest electronic technician apprentice programs in the country, working in conjunction with Local 1505 of the IBEW.

Last year we reported in the Progress Meeting about a young fellow who was a member of the IBEW and president of the Massachusetts State Federation of Labor. At this Progress Meeting Vice President Regan made it plain that he was proud to introduce the same Brother, not as president of the Massachusetts Federation of Labor but as the Commissioner of Labor and Industries in the State of Massachusetts. This was the introduction of Brother John A. Callahan, who prior to his appointment as Commissioner was the business manager of Local 1006 of Lawrence, Massachusetts. Commissioner Callahan soon proved to the delegates that he was very familiar with the operations of his new position. He said that the department was in need of additional building inspectors for the safety of those mechanics working on construction projects.

The Department of Labor and Industries has 240 employes with nine separate divisions, all under the direct supervision of the commissioner. He also has the responsibility of determining the wages of the building trades mechanics on all construction projects for the state, counties, cities, and towns and Brother Callahan went into detail on the many problems that confront a Commissioner in making such determinations.

Mayor James Kinsella of Hartford was introduced as the youngest mayor in the history of the State of Connecticut. He is only 32 years of age. He gave a very interesting report on the Redevelopment Program in Hartford. Under the United States Government Urban Renewal Agency, these projects will be exclusively for commercial enterprise.

William J. Smith, director of Apprenticeship Training in the United States Department of Labor in Boston and also a member of Local 96, IBEW, spoke on the need for additional training for Electricians in the fields of electronics, radio and television. He also emphasized the need for more

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Banquet music and entertainment was furnished by Connecticut, Massachusetts and Rhode Island State Associations.



# EDITORIAL

By GORDON M. FREEMAN, *Editor*

## About Labor Legislation

A subject which is commanding much attention among all thinking union members as your *Journal* went to press is the Senate-passed Kennedy-Ervin labor-management bill, with its crippling amendments, now before the House Labor Committee.

Organized labor, from the very beginning, has gone on record as being strongly in favor of legislation which would help combat corruption in labor and management and eliminate racketeering. Organized labor as a whole has fought racketeering in all its forms for years. The AFL-CIO has been quick to put its own house in order and to expel offenders from its ranks, an action which hurt the parent body considerably, but which its leaders knew was imperative for the good of all labor unions.

Just about this time last year the Senate was deep in debate on the Kennedy-Ives bill, a labor reform measure supported by organized labor, as a bill with meaning, one that would help labor and management to wipe out racketeering and corruption, but would not hamstring legitimate labor unions. Last June, the Senate defeated amendments designed to weaken unions, and sent the bill intact to the House, where opposition from business concerns and the Administration brought about its defeat.

This year the AFL-CIO supported the new Kennedy-Ervin bill. However, the Senate in a series of amendments has so drastically changed the bill that it not only interferes with ordinary trade union activities but threatens the very democratic processes of the free trade union movement. It also impairs the ability of legitimate unions to combat corrupt elements.

In view of these developments the AFL-CIO Executive Council, of which International Secretary Joseph D. Keenan is a member, had no choice but to unanimously vote to oppose the Kennedy-Ervin labor-management bill as amended on the floor of the Senate.

The AFL-CIO and its member unions now have their work "cut out for them." We are launching an all-out drive to get the House of Representatives to remove the dangerous controls added to the Kennedy-Ervin bill in the Senate under the guise of a "bill of rights," as well as the other amendments which only serve to cripple unions.

The AFL-CIO General Board has issued this statement:

"We reiterate our support of properly drafted, properly considered, necessary and adequate legislation in the area of labor-management improper practices.

"While supporting appropriate corrective legisla-

tion, we will continue to resist proposals which, under the guise of dealing with improper activities, seek instead to undermine effective collective bargaining by destroying or weakening honest, decent American trade unions."

The International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers is behind the AFL-CIO one hundred percent in this fight for legislation which will rid both labor and management of crooks and racketeers. It is also 100 percent against legislation designed to punish the labor movement and ultimately destroy it.

We ask all our local union officers and members to help us in this fight. Write to your Congressman. Tell him you are opposed to the amendments to the Kennedy-Ervin bill. Tell him you want honest labor-management legislation but not a law that will ruin the labor movement.

This is a fight that concerns all of us. Let your Congressman know where you stand. Do it today.

## The Fight Against Unions

There is an all-out campaign on at the present time to discredit organized labor. Over and over in the newspapers, on radio and television, from members of Congress and Federal agencies, we hear charges of "labor power" and "labor monopoly" and "labor dictatorship" lodged against us.

We hear appeals for passage of harsh legislation to curb the "unrestricted power" of labor, while at the same time in many parts of the country union members are fighting losing battles to keep their unions alive. They are being deprived of their livelihood in the exodus of the runaway shops to "Right-to-Work" states.

Organized labor is well aware of the campaign against it. However, it gained support for its contentions from an unexpected source recently.

One of the breeding grounds for its troubles, the trade union movement has found to be the policy decisions of the National Labor Relations Board. It was quite a surprise, then, when Boyd Leedom, chairman of the NLRB, in a speech before the Florida Bar Association, appealed to the lawyers to ease up on labor. Mr. Leedom said:

"I am truly distressed with the picture I see. While it is the official position of management to support the concept of collective bargaining by employes, great segments of employers, as evidenced by case after case coming before us involving union elections in the business and industrial plants of the country, take every legal step possible—and many employers overreach legality—to thwart their employes' efforts to organize even when the Union involved is a respectable, decent union."

There is only one way for organized labor to fight back. We must stand together and assume attributes of the strength and power ascribed to us by our enemies. And we must use that strength and power where it will do the most good—in ballot boxes each election day.

## About the United Nations

The United Nations does not often make top news in our papers unless there is some threat to world peace which commands its attention and dramatic action.

While we read little about it, its work of creating a better and more peaceful world goes on day after day. In the past 10 years some 140 countries have received technical assistance under the United Nations' program. When we read the list of projects completed, they are not dramatic. In fact most of them are homely and prosaic. The items in brief read like this: irrigation systems in Nicaragua, malaria control in Burma, development of a soya bean crop in Indonesia, electric generator for Greece, tractors and farm equipment for Cambodia, and so on.

These notations are not impressive, but behind them is the story of people, starving, suffering people, being helped to help themselves. This is worthwhile. This is constructive work toward a free and peaceful world. This work must continue. For nations, free of hunger and gaining in self-respect, compose our greatest bulwark against the inroads of communism.

## On the Minimum Wage

Once again for the third time in a four-year period, the AFL-CIO is asking Congress to modernize the Fair Labor Standards Act. Once more organized labor is asking for a higher minimum wage and for extension of minimum wage protection to many workers now outside its coverage.

AFL-CIO President George Meany was the first labor witness to appear before the Senate Labor Subcommittee when hearings began in May. Mr. Meany used strong words. He said:

"The failure of Congress to take imaginative and courageous action on this matter has perpetuated the misery of substandard living conditions for millions of our fellow Americans. It has weakened our domestic economy and damaged our prestige—and the prestige of democracy itself—throughout the world."

Mr. Meany is right. It is an undisputed fact that America's standard of living is the highest in the world. It is certainly a travesty then to know that there are millions of Americans who still earn less than enough to cover the expenses of modest living for their families—enough to eat, adequate clothing and shelter. We are a rich and prosperous nation in the eyes of the other nations of the world. But there can be no true prosperity in a nation where any of

its people still go to bed at night hungry, who suffer because they have no warm clothes or heated homes.

The Bureau of Labor Statistics says it is necessary for a single person to make \$51.50 a week, just to get by. That figure covers only the bare necessities of life. Our present minimum wage law provides only \$40 for a 40-hour week—\$11.50 under the standard. And there are some seven and a half million uncovered workers who are not even assured of a \$40 wage.

There will be many who will fight raising and extending the minimum wage. There were the prophets of doom who opposed its rise to 25 cents an hour, then to 40 and 75 and a dollar. All of the dire consequences for business which they predicted, not only did not come to pass, but our country continued to rise to new heights of prosperity.

Average industrial earnings today are \$2.21 per hour. That is about 80 cents more than they were in 1949, when the 75-cent minimum wage law was enacted. In the last nine years then, the average industrial wage has gone up more than three times as much as the Federal minimum wage.

Organized labor realizes only too well that the earnings of millions of American workers are tied directly to the Federal minimum wage. That is why it is supporting the Kennedy-Morse-Roosevelt Bill (S. 1046 and H. R. 4488).

This bill would bring the benefits of the Minimum Wage and Hour Law to more than 7½ million more workers.

It would help close loopholes in the law.

It would be a constructive step toward bringing workers a more adequate living.

The bill would help narrow the increasing gap between average factory wages and the minimum wage.

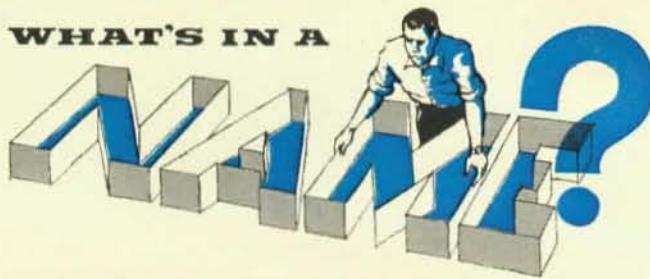
Increase of the minimum wage to \$1.25 and extended coverage, by buying more for low income workers, would put many plants and men, now idle, back to work—more buying, more employment.

In the long run, in the chain of events which would be set off by passage of the proposed bill, Uncle Sam would directly benefit in the additional Government income which would come from income, corporation and excise taxes.

That in brief is the case for the minimum wage increase and extension. Very few members of the IBEW would be directly affected by passage of this bill but in the interests of those very few who would be affected, and the millions more in other industries who would be aided, our Brotherhood has been placed on record as being strongly in favor of S. 1046, and on behalf of the IBEW, I filed a statement with the Senate Labor Sub-Committee to that effect.

As a responsible labor union with the interests of all this nation's working force at heart as well as the good of our country as a whole, we could not fail to work for this necessary modification of the Fair Labor Standards Act. We likewise urge the support of our members and hope for a speedy and successful conclusion to our efforts.

## WHAT'S IN A



The stories contained in words are various indeed and sometimes quite fascinating. Most of the words we use in our everyday speech, if examined carefully would be as small windows looking into the life of past civilizations.

We have selected some picturesque names and in the quiz below have asked the reader to guess their origins.

Count four points for each correct answer and see how close you can come to 100 percent.

Let us start with familiar gems. Have you ever considered carefully how their names originated? If so you will be able to fill in the missing name of each gem described below.

1. An ..... was so called by the Greeks because they considered it a talisman against drunkenness. They named the stone from a combination of Greek words for "not" and "to be drunken."
2. A gem with a Latin name origin is the bluish green ....., from Latin words for water and sea.
3. Another stone common in any modern jewelry store is the ....., so-called because long ago the Latins thought its shape and color approximated that of the seeds of pomegranates.
4. Tracing ..... back through French and Spanish we find that it was once thought to cure a pain in the side and therefore was known as "stone of the side."
5. From the Latin verb meaning "to be red" was derived our word ....., for a stone of that color.
6. First brought from Turkey to Europe, this popular stone, the ....., was named in French for its land of origin.

Let's turn now to the animal kingdom, beginning with bird names. Fill in the missing word required to complete each of the following statements.

7. From the Latin word for "flame" down through Spanish and Portuguese we have the name for that bright colored aquatic bird, the .....
8. Anglo-Saxons dubbed this bird from its habit of singing at night, by combining their words for "night" and "to sing." It is the .....

9. This bird was named for a group of islands it inhabited and the islands in turn had been named for the large dogs found there. This particular bird is the .....
10. Welsh terms for "white" and "head" gave us the designation for this aquatic bird, the .....
11. The Latin verb "to rain" describes our ..... or rain bird.
12. A Latin adjective for golden is the origin of the name of this common golden-hued songster, the .....

Below we have selected names from the animal kingdom in general. Circle the word which will correctly complete each of the following statements.

13. Two Old North French words for "hairy" and "she-eat" have given us our word for catfish caterpillar catalpa
14. Two Greek nouns for "river" and "horse" describe the hippopotamus crocodile elephant
15. The Greek words for "on the ground or dwarf" and "lion" were combined to name the leopard panther chameleon
16. Since this animal honeycombs the earth, it got its name from the French word for "honeycomb." It is the gopher mole tortoise
17. This beast with horns on its snout we call by a combination of the Greek words for "of the nose" and "horn." It is the walrus reindeer rhinoceros
18. This animal habitually goes abroad at night. Its name, of Latin origin, then means "ghost." This ghostly creature is the eat lemur lynx
19. "Man of the woods," from the Malay language is the literal meaning of gorilla chimpanzee orang-outang
20. This marine mammal was named from the appearance of its face and its name literally means "hog-fish." It is the porpoise whale grampus

Turning now from animals, to another group of names, we have listed five common textiles below. See if you can match each one with the phrase describing the origin of its name.

21. Poplin a Hindustani word meaning "dust-colored."
22. Linen from a city in Mesopotamia
23. Muslin first made at Avignon, a Papal town
24. Khaki from the city of Damascus
25. Damask from the Anglo-Saxon word for "flax"

(Answers on page 30)

# SPOTLIGHT ON BATON ROUGE

LOCAL Union 767 and Local Union 995 of Baton Rouge, Louisiana, are very, very proud of their home city. And well they may be, for it is a beautiful city, a city with a colorful history, a great industrial city, as well as the first city of the State, the capital of Louisiana. These two local unions resolved to let the rest of the Brotherhood know a little more about "their home town" and about the work the two unions perform in it. Therefore, Niek Andrew Messina, who has been press secretary of L.U. 767 for four years, was persuaded by his fellow union members in 767 and 995, to assemble pictures and write a "Spotlight Story on Baton Rouge." We are pleased to bring you that story here on the pages of your JOURNAL.

Baton Rouge, Louisiana, located on the beautiful Mississippi River, has often been referred to in the following descriptive terms: Chemical Center of the South, America's Most Beautiful Capital, Farthest Inland Deep Water Port, Home of Louisiana State University,

World's Most Complete Oil Center, Hub of Recreation and Culture, and Friendly, Hospitable People.

It is the capital of a state rich in historical relies and tradition, with a Spanish-French background, steeped in pirate lore. It was explored by Pineda in 1519, de Vaca in 1528, De Soto in 1541 and La Salle in 1682.

Known as the Pelican state, Louisiana was settled in 1699, admitted to the Union in 1812.

### Red Stick

A tall red cypress, stripped of its bark, once stood on the present site of Louisiana's Old State Capitol building. It marked the boundary between the hunting grounds of the Ouma and Bayogoula Indians. The Early French explorers gave the tree a name, "le baton rouge" (the red stick) and it was from this that the city also became known as "Baton Rouge."

The town of Baton Rouge, Louisiana was incorporated in 1817. Seven governments have held sway

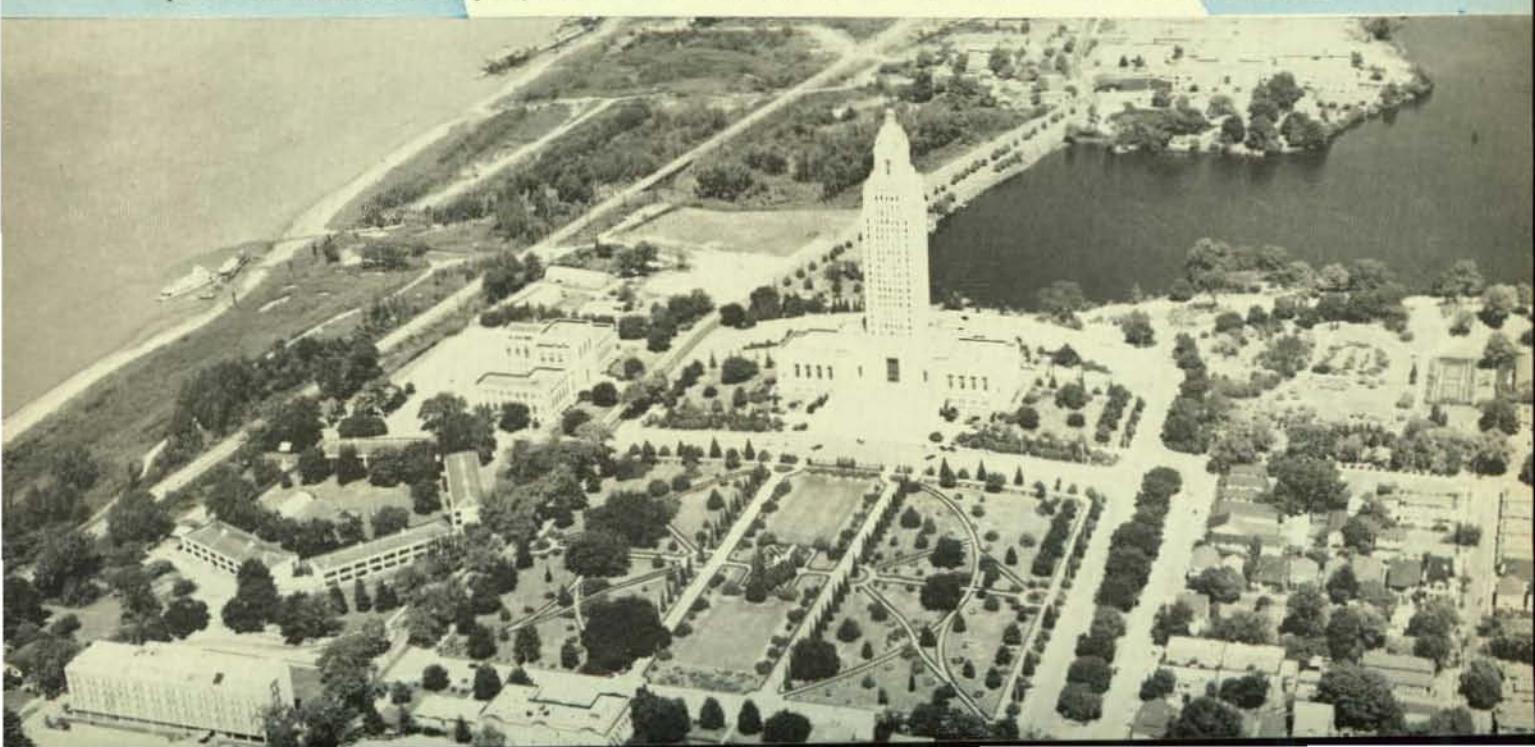
over it including France, England, Spain, Louisiana, the Florida Republic, the Confederate States and the United States. Baton Rouge's military history records three battles, the last in 1862 when the Confederate forces under Breckenridge fought the third battle of Baton Rouge against the army of Williams and the fleet of Farragut.

At the turn of the century the town began to develop industrially because of its location on the first bluff north of the Gulf of Mexico. It is now a city of 30 square miles in size, with 200,000 people.

### Chemical Center

Baton Rouge is the center of the chemical industry in the South. The original production of rubber from petroleum was started in Baton Rouge in the early 30's and the major industrial development has been interrelated with petroleum and chemicals. There are 150 industries of various kinds in the city, giving employment to 19,000 persons with an annual payroll of \$109,866,066.

Ocean-going vessel heads past Baton Rouge on the Mississippi toward industrial area, upper right of photo. Louisiana's state capitol, tallest in the South, towers over the city, home of Locals 767 and 995.





The plants that our Brotherhood has contracts with are as follows: the Esso Standard Oil Company, Kaiser Aluminum and Chemical Corporation, Copolymer Rubber Company, U.S. Rubber Company, Ideal Cement Company, Delta Tank Manufacturing Company. The latest company to be added to our contracts is the Orment Aluminum Company owned by the Olin Mathieson Chemical Company of New York City. This contract was bonded through the Baton Rouge Metal Trades Council.

The new industrials in the Baton Rouge area announced during the past 18 months and now under construction total some \$181,800,000 in value.

#### **Oil Center**

Baton Rouge, one of the important oil centers of the South is situated near some 20 oil fields, interconnected with pipe lines throughout the state as well as throughout the South. Refinery

Above left: Roy Guy, L.U. 995, chief steward, prepares overhauled transformers for shipment.

Above center: Mike Musso, the group leader of motor coil winding department, at work.

Above right: Members Sanchez, Katz, Spinoza, Depuy and Arbour in large switch room at plant of Ideal Cement Co.

At left: Wilmer Costan, left, and Ronald Miles prepare transformer cores and coils for tanking. They are of L.U. 995.

At right: White object at left is large Allis-Chalmers transformer. Man is Roy Guy, L.U. 995.

Below: The state capitol building where, in 1935, Huey Long was shot. Marble walls still carry marks of many bullets.



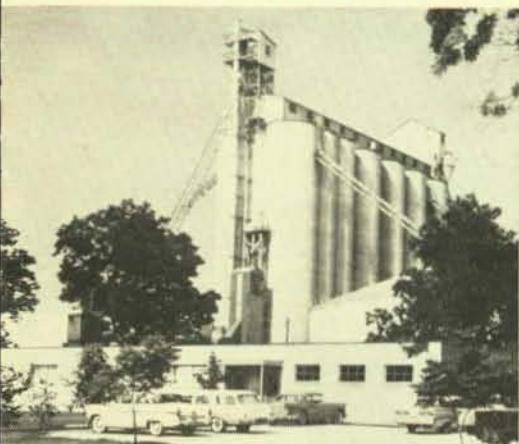
operations located here process most of the oil coming into the city. Easy access to raw materials such as sulphur, natural gas, salt, limestone, etc. has contributed immeasurably to the growth of chemical manufacturing in Baton Rouge.

Baton Rouge, is a Louisiana city completely surrounded by statistics to prove its rapid growth as the chemical center of the South. But to get the best picture of what's going on today in the capital city you have to go back to 1941. In that year, America's entry into World War II was just a few steps away. Baton Rouge was little more than a bustling small town famous chiefly for its beautiful State Capitol and as the scene of the turbulent Huey Long political era. This man built a greater Louisiana for the people of the state especially in the education field. It was he who inaugurated, among other things, free school books and the free lunch program.



It was in 1941, with our supply of natural rubber cut off and our needs so pressing, that the first batch of GR-3 synthetic rubber produced in the United States was made at a Baton Rouge plant. The work was done under the co-operative program by technicians of the United States Rubber Company and the United States Government and the plant was situated in the middle of the (then) biggest refinery in the world. The development came just in time for there was a critical shortage of natural rubber for automobile tires and other products so needed to fight the war, a situation which was to worsen before the war ended. The defense industries grew and stayed. The people came to Baton Rouge to fill jobs and the population of the city grew until now it is knocking at the 300,000 mark.

**Below:** Local Union 995 maintains its headquarters in this building.



**Grain elevator docks on the Mississippi.** Electrical work was done by our members in Local Union 995.

**Old state capitol building in Baton Rouge, built in 1847.** Historic landmark draws many visitors.



**Night view of freighter unloading bauxite ore at docks in Baton Rouge.** Cranes are maintained by members of L.U. 767.

#### **Educational Center**

We want to stress Baton Rouge as a southern educational center. It is the home of Louisiana State University and Agricultural and Mechanical College. LSU has an enrollment of 15,000 students and is located on a 300-acre campus. A complete sugar refinery which attracts students from over the entire world is included in its facilities. The beautiful buildings on the campus include one of the largest agricultural centers in the entire nation and the latest in student housing facilities.

The Baton Rouge Vocational Technical School in an industrial community with over 150 industries employing thousands of skilled workers, plays a very important role in education. Operating in a modern, completely equipped \$600,000 plant, Baton

Rouge Vocational Technical School conducts an instructional program to meet the needs of the entire area. Local Union No. 995 has its apprenticeship program installed there.

#### **Shipping Center**

Baton Rouge is also noted as a shipping center. The port of Baton Rouge is the farthest inland deep-water port on the Mississippi River at which both rail and water cargoes can be transferred to ocean-going ships for export trade. Municipal docks and terminals serve both deep-water and river transportation. A 35-foot channel is maintained for 240 miles from Baton Rouge to the Gulf of Mexico with connections to the intracoastal canal. Several of the large industrial plants maintain docking facilities along the

Members of Local 767, Brothers Watkins and Carpenter, employed by Esso Standard Oil, at work on power pole.



seven-mile port for both import and export shipping.

There are many points of interest for sightseers visiting Baton Rouge. Some of the most notable follow.

The *Old State Capitol Building* is a castellated Gothic structure erected high on a terraced bluff overlooking the Mississippi River, built in 1847.

The *Louisiana State Capitol* is situated on the edge of University Lake and is surrounded by a beautifully landscaped 50-acre park. The main elevation faces south toward the city of Baton Rouge, and commands a view of colorful gardens enclosed in an avenue of Magnolia trees. The *Grave of Senator Huey P. Long* is here in the center of a sunken garden.

*Pentagon Buildings* constructed in 1819-29 to house United States troops.



Top left: Red Merritt, Local 767, employed by Esso, tackles job of repairing large motor at the refinery located at Baton Rouge, La.

Top right: Brother J. V. Williams repairs leads on electric motor at Esso plant. He is also assistant business agent of Local 767.

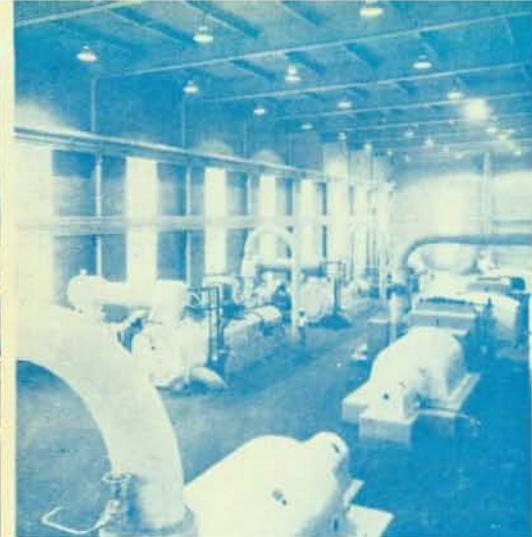
Above left: From left are: Robert Knight, former B.M., Robert Redden, present business manager, and Buddy Horn, former B.M. of 767.

Above right: Members of Local 767 operate controls at Esso plant. At left is Apprentice Efferson while on the right is Brother Starks.

Lower left: Members of Local 767 at Naugatuck Chemical Co. are, from left: L. C. Caldwell, L. P. Saurage, O. R. Poole, J. C. Pittman, H. D. Thaxton, D. O. Fletcher, J. K. Speeg and G. E. Fagot.

Lower right: Members of Local 767 working at Kaiser bauxite plant are, back row from left: Bill Sanders, Griffith, Duestch, Cliff Watson, Goff, A. Boeneke, Leech, Pennsylvania Bailey, Plaquimine, Charles Babin, Tensas Jeter, Press Secretary Nick Messina. Front row: Mervin Gouques, Glass Bender Abadie, Smiling Salesman Cooper, Alabama Stacy, Boston McCarthy, Brother Mire, Uncle Dudley Flynn, Livonia Bergeron, Jack Sharp.





Kaiser Bauxite Plant powerhouse, one of Baton Rouge employers of L.U. 767.

*St. Joseph's Catholic Church.*

*St. James Episcopal Church.*

*Louisiana State School for the Deaf.*

*Magnolia Mound*—famous old home once occupied by Armand Duplantier, aide to General Lafayette.

*Louisiana State University and Agricultural and Mechanical College* one of the highest ranking universities in the South.

*Governor's Mansion*

*Louisiana State School for the Blind.*

*City Park.*

There are a number of industrial plants which employ or have been constructed by our members of L.U. 767 and 995 and which they think would be points of interest to members of the IBEW. Just to mention a few: Kaiser Powerhouse, United States Rubber Company,

Dow Chemical Company, Olin Revere Metals Company, the Manufacturing and Repair Shop of Westinghouse Electric Corporation.

Now about the Local Unions of Baton Rouge themselves—L.U. 767, a local of some 325 maintenance Electrical Workers, was chartered July 20, 1937. L.U. 995—an inside, outside and radio-television broadcast and service and sound local—was chartered July 28, 1919

and has a membership of approximately 450.

Pictures accompanying this article show members of these locals at work and also some of the famous landmarks of historic Baton Rouge.

*(The JOURNAL staff expresses its appreciation to Press Secretary Nick Andrew Messina for his interest and cooperation in making this article and the pictures possible.)*



Above: Louisiana State University, home of nation's No. 1 football team in '58 season.

Right: Lofty War Memorial tower on campus of the University.

Below, L.U. 767 executive board from left: Robt. Redden, B.M.; Walter Hurst, board member; G. A. Williams, M. D. Dier, board chairman; John Burch, Brother Neasom and Brother Frank Davis.



# With the Ladies



## Famous Ladies

RECENTLY a small book entitled "Brief Biographies of Famous Men and Women," by W. Stuart Sewell, was called to my attention. I was interested in seeing the names of the ladies listed there. Only 13 were listed in a group of nearly 300. I thought perhaps our readers might be interested in hearing about these famous ladies and about the events in their lives which caused them to make a permanent impression on the history of the world as it has been written.

### Susan B. Anthony

Susan Brownell Anthony was born in Adams, Massachusetts on February 15, 1820. Susan had a keen mind. She received a good education and taught for 15 years before she deserted the teaching profession for the lecture platform and feminism.

Miss Anthony first became interested in the temperance movement. Then she was an agent for the Anti-slavery Society but eventually the problem of women's equality — especially the suffrage movement—claimed her entire attention.

Miss Anthony was strong, aggressive and she defied opposition of every kind from rotten eggs to prosecution in the Federal Courts, fighting for woman's right to vote. She succeeded in winning the honor and respect of many and had the satisfaction of seeing equal suffrage granted in four states before she died in Rochester, New York on March 13, 1906, leaving her small estate to the cause she had served.

### Clara Barton

Clara Barton, founder of the American Red Cross, was born in North Oxford, Massachusetts, December 25, 1821. At Bordentown, New Jersey, she organized the first free school in that state. After failing health forced her to resign from this work, Miss Barton obtained a position in the Patent Office in Washington where she worked until the outbreak of the Civil War.

During the War, Miss Barton who was going to visit her brother who had been taken prisoner by the Confederates, inserted a notice in the paper offering to carry gifts from other families to their wounded rela-

tives. Before the war was over, she had a building filled with relief materials and was the recognized agent of communication between soldiers and their people. The Government assisted her in her work, and after the war, President Lincoln appointed her as head of a bureau organized to locate 80,000 men listed as missing in action.

In 1869, Clara Barton went to Switzerland to rest. There she heard of the Red Cross Society, which she promptly joined, and her rest consisted of strenuous relief work. In 1881 Miss Barton succeeded in establishing the American branch of the Red Cross and served as its president for many years. She died in 1912.

### Elizabeth Barrett Browning

The famous poetess was born March 6, 1806. When she was 15 she suffered a spinal injury while attempting to saddle her pony. This, together with a pulmonary ailment, and the shock of her favorite brother's drowning, made her a semi-invalid for life. Books became her world. In 1838, the Barrett family took up residence at Wimpole Street, in London. Miss Barrett published two volumes of poetry in 1844.

It was this poetry which caused Robert Browning to become attracted to the author. Their love story is one of the most beautiful in literary history. Knowing that it would be useless to ask her domineering father's consent to the marriage, the couple

eloped to Italy and were married secretly.

Mrs. Browning's most famous work is the beautiful "Sonnets from the Portuguese" written during her courtship. She died in Florence in 1861.

### Cleopatra

Cleopatra, a queen of Egypt, was born in 69 B.C. She became joint heir to Egypt's throne with her brother Ptolemy, when she was 17 years old. When she was deprived of her rights, Cleopatra decided to appeal to the Roman general Julius Caesar.

When Caesar landed at Alexandria, Cleopatra set out to meet him. Arriving dishevelled and without any means of making a brilliant entrance, she decided to make a dramatic one. The one servant she brought with her carried her rolled in an Oriental rug to the feet of Caesar. Since she was clad in little more than the rug, the 53-year-old emperor was duly impressed, when it was unrolled at his feet.

Ptolemy was killed in the conflict which secured the throne for Cleopatra and she poisoned a younger brother who took Ptolemy's place. When Caesar returned to Rome, Cleopatra went with him and lived openly as his mistress. After his assassination she fled to her own country.

When another famous warrior, Mark Antony, gained control in Rome, he too, captivated by Cleopatra's beauty, became her willing conquest. They lived together and had three children.

When Octavius Caesar defeated Mark Antony, he was oblivious to the charms of Cleopatra and planned to lead her through the streets of Rome as his captive. She then killed herself by allowing an asp to bite her. With her death in 30 B.C. Egypt became a province of Rome.

### Marie Curie

Marie Skłodowska was born in Warsaw November 7, 1867. She studied in Paris, obtained a science degree, and in 1895 married a fellow scientist, Pierre Curie.

Together they worked untiringly in a small shed with practically no heat or ventilation, over the pitchblende necessary for their work which they bought with their own very slender income.



In 1902, after years of work they isolated from the mineral pitchblende, pure radium, the element so valuable in the treatment of cancer.

In 1903 the couple received the Davy Medal of the Royal Society and the Nobel prize in physics.

In April 1906, Professor Pierre Curie was run over by a dray on the streets of Paris and killed. Madame Curie was asked to take up his work at the Sorbonne — the first time that a position in French higher education had been given to a woman.

In 1911 she won the Nobel prize for chemistry.

Madame Curie visited the United States twice and was acclaimed by the American people. In 1920 she was threatened with blindness but a series of operations saved her sight.

She died in Valence, France in 1934.

#### Catherine the Great

Catherine II, empress of Russia, known as Catherine the Great, was born a German princess on May 2, 1729. In 1745 she married Grand Duke Peter of Russia. Her married life was miserably unhappy since Peter was both physically and mentally abnormal, and Catherine despised him. She endured her marriage and kept peace with the Empress Elizabeth, Peter's mother, only for the power that would be hers when Peter became Czar.

Catherine's private life was a scandal, and when Peter did become Czar at the death of Elizabeth, he threatened to divorce Catherine. Catherine was popular with the people, however, and Peter was not. He was strangled by one of her lovers and after his death Catherine ruled supreme from 1762, till her death in 1796.

The administrative ability of this woman stands in great contrast to the immorality of her private life. Her administration of Russia was in many ways a beneficent one especially in the early days of her reign. She was a prodigious worker, often toiling 15 hours a day, running the country.



## Cool Desserts for Hot Days

There's nothing like a delicious, cool dessert to soothe a hot and bothered family. Why not try these?

#### Peach Bavarian Cream

1½ cups chopped fresh peaches	½ cup water
2 tablespoons lemon juice	1 cup heavy cream, whipped
¼ teaspoon salt	1 teaspoon vanilla
⅔ cup sugar	½ teaspoon almond extract
1½ tablespoons unflavored gelatin	

Combine peaches, lemon juice, salt and sugar; let stand one hour. Soften gelatin in cold water, then dissolve over low heat. Combine with peach mixture and chill. When mixture begins to thicken, fold in whipped cream, vanilla and almond extract. Place in individual molds and chill until firm. Garnish with peach slices or whipped cream. Serves eight.

#### Apricot Rice Mold

1 No. 2½ can apricot halves	Few grains salt
1¼ teaspoons unflavored gelatin	½ cup heavy cream, whipped
2 cups cold cooked rice	

Drain apricots and place a half in each custard cup. Press remaining halves through a sieve. Soften gelatin in three tablespoons apricot juice and dissolve over hot water. Combine dissolved gelatin, puréed apricots, rice and salt and mix well. Fold in whipped cream and pour into custard cups. Chill. When firm unmold and garnish with whipped cream. Serves six.

#### Banana Grape Marlow

10 marshmallows	1 cup mashed ripe bananas
½ cup grape juice	½ cup heavy cream, whipped
2 tablespoons lemon juice	

Combine marshmallows and two tablespoons grape juice. Heat slowly, folding over and over, until marshmallows are half melted. Remove from heat and continue folding until mixture is smooth and fluffy. Fold in remaining grape juice; then fold in lemon juice and bananas. Pour into refrigerator tray and chill until mixture begins to freeze. Turn into bowl, beat well and fold in whipped cream. Freeze until firm. Serves four to six.

#### Frozen Strawberry Cake

1½ cups crushed strawberries	3 cups graham cracker crumbs
²/₃ cup sugar	½ cup cream
1 tablespoon lemon juice	1½ teaspoons vanilla

Combine ingredients in order listed and blend well. Line a freezing tray with oiled paper, fill with the mixture and freeze until firm. Cut into squares, top with whipped cream and a few pecan meats if desired. Serves six.

#### Heavenly Hash

¼ pound (16) marshmallows	1 cup walnuts or pecans chopped
1 cup milk	1 cup maraschino cherries
1 cup crushed pineapple	1 cup heavy cream, whipped

Dissolve marshmallows in milk over hot water. Cool. Add nuts, pineapple and cherries. Fold in whipped cream. Freeze to a mush in refrigerator tray. Beat well and freeze until firm. Serves eight.

## Railroad Progress

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formulate actual proposals for the 1959 National Movement of the non-operating railroad unions.

International Representative Ralph Cline explained the operation and function of the Hot Box Detector and Electronic Rail Car Tracer, that are now being installed on some railroads, discussing with the delegates the proper steps to be taken when these installations are anticipated being made, or where they already have been made on certain railroads.

International Representative Thomas Ramsey discussed the proper method to be used in the handling of jurisdictional disputes, and offered many suggestions that would be helpful in the handling of this type of cases. Ramsey also spoke regarding cases that are sent in to Vice President Duffy's office to be presented to the National Railroad Adjustment Board for final adjudication.

Michael Fox, President of the Railway Employees' Department, AFL-CIO and a member of Local Union 817 (better known as "Mike" among his brothers), addressing the conference pointed out that the Railway Employees' Department grew out of the need of unions for unity, unity of one common cause and purpose. Fox explained the progress the department has made in the past 50 years, and also explained the need for unity is as great today as it was 50 years ago.

President Fox lambasted the huge propaganda that is now being put out against railroad labor by the nation's railroads.

Employment practices of the railroads came in for a severe scathing from Vice President Duffy, who scored the contracting out of work practices by the carriers, despite the fact that men are walking the streets who could perform the work.

Vice President Duffy then urged the delegates to furnish his office with all the information available, in order that an all-out effort can be made to stop the contracting out of work.

This will be a critical year, asserted Vice President Duffy, for railroad labor and he called the attention of the delegates to the remarks of President Fox, emphasizing the need for unity.

The matter of consolidation of work from one point to another on railroads, and where two railroads are combined, was discussed with the delegates, and Vice President Duffy outlined the policy of the Railway Employees' Department and the IBEW in connection with such consolidations.

Many of the delegates and general chairmen participated in the discussions and at the conclusion of the meeting all delegates agreed it was another successful progress meeting.

## New England

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training in welding for the electrical industry.

Joseph Rourke, legislative agent for the Connecticut State Merged Organization of the AFL-CIO, and also a member of Local 90 of New Haven, referred to the membership of the combined organization as giving added strength and prestige

to the legislative agent when appearing before the legislative committees for the benefit of those who toil.

Thomas F. Kearney, journeyman member and chairman of the Board of State Examiners of Electricians for the State of Rhode Island, related statistics to the delegates with reference to his position on the board. Brother Kearney is also business manager of Local 99 in Providence, Rhode Island.

Samuel J. Donnelly, journeyman member of the State Examiners of Electricians in Massachusetts, reported on legislation in Massachusetts as pertaining to the Electrician. He referred to the bill that is before the legislature that would permit the Electrician to hold a two-year license. This would remove the bother of a yearly renewal. Another bill before the legislature would change the law so that inspectors of wires in each city and town would be notified within five days of commencing work in their area.

Renato Ricciuti, Commissioner of Labor in the State of Connecticut, said he was proud of the progress made by labor legislation in the past few years. He referred to the increase in unemployment

## ANSWERS TO QUIZ ON NAMES

1. amethyst
2. aquamarine
3. garnet
4. jade
5. ruby
6. turquoise
7. flamingo
8. nightingale
9. canary
10. penguin
11. plover
12. oriole
13. caterpillar
14. hippopotamus
15. chameleon
16. gopher
17. rhinoceros
18. lemur
19. orang-outang
20. porpoise
21. first made at Avignon, a Papal town
22. from the Anglo-Saxon word for "flax"
23. from a city in Mesopotamia
24. a Hindustani word meaning "dust-colored"
25. from the city of Damascus

## BROTHER TUPPER HONORED

Your IBEW Officers are always proud and happy to hear of the appointment of members to important committees or posts of honor. We learned recently such an appointment had been made. Brother Charles H. Tupper, business manager of Local 1381, Mineola, New York, has been appointed by Governor Nelson Rockefeller as a member of the Board of Trustees who will head Long Island's first two-year community college.

Nassau College is expected to house some 250 students the first year. Others serving with Brother Tupper on the college governing board are two business executives, a lawyer, an engineer, an architect, a newspaperman, a banker and a member of the Nassau Board of Supervisors.

benefits from \$30.00 a week to \$35.00 a week and now the unemployed receive benefits up to \$40.00 a week.

The delegates received an interesting talk from "Bill" Damon, Director of the National Joint Apprenticeship and Training Committee for the Electrical Industry. He gave an outline of the National Standards for the Electrical Industry which will meet the needs of the year 1965. He told the delegates that if we are to control the work in our industry, we must train our people in the various branches of the industry and we must be prepared to transfer our membership into localities where projects need mechanics. In other words, he said, if the Government decides to construct a \$100,000,000 project in a sparsely-populated area of the country, we must have mechanics to move to the area, who have sufficient training in all branches of the industry in order to properly man the job. These men should come from a labor market made up of men from all parts of the country. In other words a certain percentage of those in our own membership have to become known as transients for the purpose of following the work.

Charlie Aker, International Representative for many years and now on the retired list, told some of his experiences during his organizing campaigns as a lineman. Charlie has that wonderful way of presenting what he wants to say in such an enjoyable manner that he always makes a big hit.

Donald Mahoney, whose special work is organizing telephone workers, reported on his campaign to organize the telephone workers of New England. He requested the cooperation of all of the delegates to get behind this drive for organization.

Richard Rogers, one of the members of Vice President Regan's staff, gave an outline of the experiences he has had in organizing throughout the Second District. He referred to the difficulties of this day and age because we have to comply with all sections of the Taft-Hartley Act.

The delegates gave a detailed re-

port on the activities in their local unions covering all of the branches of the electrical industry, namely, manufacturing including electrical apparatus and the manufacturing of wire cable, line work, inside, radio-television and electronics, technicians. In each instance the delegates referred to the fine assistance and cooperation received from the members of Vice President Regan's staff. This staff is composed of Walter J. Keneefick, William Steinmiller, Francis X. Moore, Richard Rogers, John Hayey, Bart Saunders, Arthur Houle and Walter Reif. They have worked hard to maintain the high

standards which the IBEW has gained throughout the New England States.

On Friday evening the delegates attended a banquet with the music and entertainment furnished by the Connecticut State Association in conjunction with the Massachusetts and Rhode Island State Associations.

(*The above account of the New England District Progress Meeting was written by Samuel J. Donnelly, business manager of L.U. 96, Worcester, Massachusetts who acted as Press Secretary at the request of Vice President Regan.*)

## Construction Industry Joint Conference

In our April JOURNAL we announced the formation of the Construction Industry Joint Conference. As we stated in our initial article the objective of the Construction Industry Joint Conference is to promote the welfare of the building and construction industry in the public interest. It is designed to preserve and to promote the contract system. It seeks improved performance and productivity by contractors and by workers.

We will keep you informed of progress and developments with regard to this Conference, from time to time. This notice is by way of a progress report.

On May 26, 1959, the Joint Administrative Committee of the Construction Industry Joint Confer-

ence met with representatives of contractor associations and representatives of various craft local unions, all from the St. Louis, Missouri area. The purpose of the meeting, as previously advised, was to discuss the possibility of establishing a local Conference in the St. Louis area.

After explaining the purposes of the Conference and after reviewing the adopted plan of the Conference, the St. Louis representatives, both labor and management, indicated that they were receptive to the proposal and expressed their gratification in being selected as the instance of the pilot test in the formation of local Conferences.

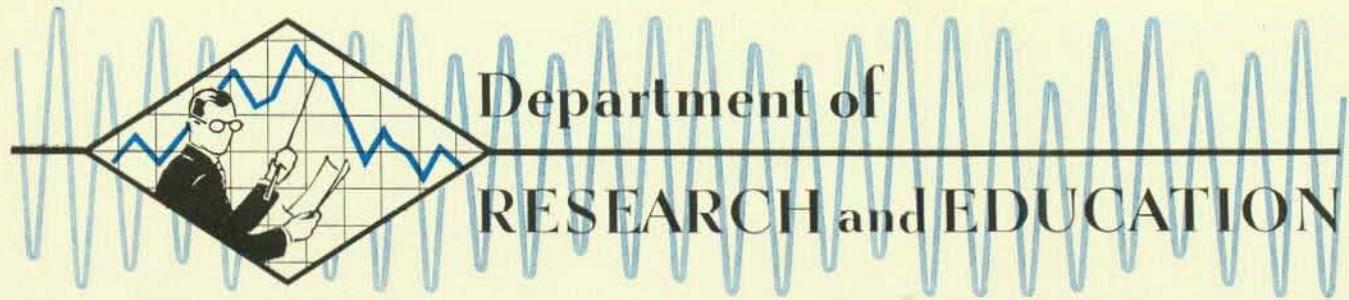
The Joint Administrative Committee has requested that each of the presidents of international unions and executive officials of the national contractor associations, urge their constituent local organizations in St. Louis, to participate in the formation of this new local Conference.

Among the 36 contractors and labor representatives present at the St. Louis meeting were Vice President Frank Jacobs and International Representative Elmer Kelly, and Delegate Hutchinson of L.U. 1, all from the St. Louis area, plus International Secretary Joseph D. Keenan, International Executive Council Member C. McMillian and International Representative Frank Graham, all from the IBEW International Office.

### NOTICE FROM ALASKA

We have been asked to give publicity to the following item by J. S. Armstrong, business manager of L.U. 1547.

"L.U. 1547 of Anchorage, Alaska urges members of the IBEW not to come to Alaska looking for work unless their own local receives a request for men. We still have many on the bench and are faced with a possible strike situation."



# Department of RESEARCH and EDUCATION

## Negotiate, Educate, Legislate for Safety

American workers set a new safety record in 1958.

This may seem to be a strange statement to lead off a plea for greater safety activity. But before we start congratulating ourselves, we should take note of the fact that the number of on-the-job fatal and disabling accidents did not decline by any great amount. And at least part of the decline was caused by lower employment and shorter workweeks.

Note this too: Even though the rate of injury dropped to the lowest level on record in 1958, approximately 13,300 workers lost their lives in accidents on the job. Thirty-eight million man-days of work were lost because of injuries. When the future effects of deaths and permanent impairments are added, the Bureau of Labor Statistics figures the total loss will be about 160 million man-days.

In contract construction, including electrical work, there were an estimated 142,000 disabling injuries last year and 1,900 deaths. In manufacturing there were 333,000 injuries and 1,700 deaths. In public utilities there were 14,000 injuries and 200 deaths. When we compare the number of injuries with the number of man-hours worked, we find that the injury frequency rate in electrical construction is more than twice as high as the frequency rate in manufacturing.

Despite the improvement in 1958, we have a long way to go. Accident prevention work takes place at the local level, and every IBEW local should work actively in the fields of negotiation, education, and legislation for safety.

Here are some areas where our locals can and should be working:

1. Negotiate a safety clause in all collective bargaining agreements—general or specific, to meet local needs. The clause should make all applicable Federal, State and local safety laws and codes a part of the contract. It should provide for official minutes or records of all safety meetings, reports of accidents or unsafe conditions, and grievances on safety matters. It should provide for prompt notification of a union safety representative when an accident occurs.

2. Establish a joint labor-management safety committee with enough authority to assure safe working conditions and practices. When joint committees cannot be established, the local union should set up its own safety committee, while continuing to work for establishment of a joint committee.

3. Include safety instruction in all apprenticeship and job training programs.

4. Include safety reports, discussions, films, demonstrations, etc., on the agenda of every local union meet-

ing. Make use of safety posters and pamphlets.

5. Make sure all members are familiar with safety rules and regulations and any penalties for violations.

6. See that good local building safety codes exist and are enforced.

7. Cooperate with State Central Bodies in working toward modernization of state safety laws. A recent AFL-CIO conference on safety recommended that Central Bodies urge the governor of each state to call an

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### LIVING COSTS REACH FOR THE SKY AGAIN

#### CONSUMER PRICE INDEX

Source: U. S. Department of Labor  
Bureau of Labor Statistics  
(U. S. Average, 1947 - 1949 = 100)

Date		All Items Combined	Food	Apparel	Total	Rent Only
Month	Year					
April	1949	<b>102.1</b>	100.4	100.6	103.3	104.2
April	1950	<b>100.8</b>	97.7	96.7	104.7	108.1
April	1951	<b>110.4</b>	111.7	106.4	111.9	112.2
April	1952	<b>112.9</b>	113.9	106.0	114.0	116.9
April	1953	<b>113.7</b>	111.5	104.6	117.0	122.1
April	1954	<b>114.6</b>	112.4	104.1	118.5	128.2
April	1955	<b>114.2</b>	111.2	103.1	119.5	129.9
April	1956	<b>114.9</b>	109.6	104.8	120.8	131.7
April	1957	<b>119.3</b>	113.8	106.5	125.2	134.5
<b>April</b>	<b>1958</b>	<b>123.5</b>	<b>121.6</b>	<b>106.7</b>	<b>127.7</b>	<b>137.3</b>
May	1958	<b>123.6</b>	121.6	106.7	127.8	137.5
June	1958	<b>123.7</b>	121.6	106.7	127.8	137.7
July	1958	<b>123.9</b>	121.7	106.7	127.7	137.8
August	1958	<b>123.7</b>	120.7	106.6	127.9	138.1
September	1958	<b>123.7</b>	120.3	107.1	127.9	138.2
October	1958	<b>123.7</b>	119.7	107.3	127.9	138.3
November	1958	<b>123.9</b>	119.4	107.7	128.0	138.4
December	1958	<b>123.7</b>	118.7	107.5	128.2	138.7
January	1959	<b>123.8</b>	119.0	106.7	128.2	138.8
February	1959	<b>123.7</b>	118.2	106.7	128.5	139.0
March	1959	<b>123.7</b>	117.7	107.0	128.7	139.1
<b>April</b>	<b>1959</b>	<b>123.9</b>	<b>117.6</b>	<b>107.0</b>	<b>128.7</b>	<b>139.3</b>

NOTE: Increase in "ALL ITEMS" for past 12 months was 0.4 Index Points, or 0.3%.  
Index stands at all-time high once more.

## Disaster Relief Plan Works in Emergency

L. U. 1, ST. LOUIS, MO.—In the early hours of February 10, the City of St. Louis was struck by a vicious tornado that cut a 15-mile-wide path through the city and parts of St. Louis County from the southwest to the northeast leaving death and devastation in its wake. In a period of 12 minutes this tornado left a path of destruction amounting to an estimated loss of 12 million dollars, with 21 dead, 300 injured, 1500 homeless, with 4000 buildings damaged. Yet with all the ferocity of the cyclone the loss was lower than it would seem to have been as the path of the tornado was mostly through an over-crowded tenement and low income rental property district. In one house there were 14 young children most of whom escaped with minor injuries.

This is the third major tornado to strike St. Louis with damaging effects, one in 1896, one in 1927 and this last one on February 10, 1959. Much of the success in the rescue work can be attributed to the training that the Police, Firemen and Civil Defense workers received in a special school organized several years ago by the Civil Defense Department.

Members of the St. Louis Chapter of the Associated General Contractors have a disaster relief plan in which all members place all of their power and other equipment at the disposal of the disaster directors. Not much of their heavy equipment was needed on this disaster as most of the movement of the wreckage had to be moved by

hand in a search for victims. Every available public utilities man and all trucks were on the job within an hour. The Electric Company, Telephone and Telegraph Company, Fire Alarm and City Lighting Division employees worked throughout the night clearing their lines. Gas Company men had an enormous job shutting off escaping gas.

Many of the damaged buildings have been completely restored and the others are well on their way to being restored. This fast action is all due to the labor surplus in all trades due to seasonal unemployment. Bricklayers and Carpenters received the largest portion of this repair work.

During the winter season the business manager and his staff must double their efforts to keep as many of the members employed as possible. Among their many jobs is the policing of their territory and preventing other trades from performing work rightfully belonging to the Electrical Workers, members of Local No. 1. Recently a serious jurisdiction dispute arose with the Glaziers' local

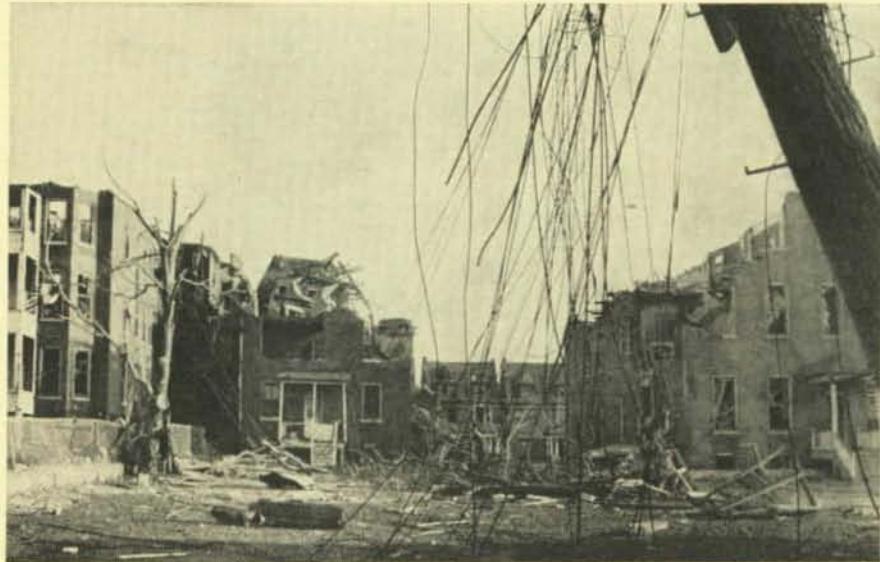
over the installation of the bottom glass of fluorescent lighting in the spray booths of the huge Chrysler job. Another strange jurisdiction dispute arose when the local power company began to sell to parking lot owners new lighting systems completely installed by utilities employees who are members of the utility local union. This work has always been the jurisdiction of Local No. 1. It is this kind of problem that keeps the staff of business representatives constantly on the alert.

Business Manager Paul Nolte just announced the signing of a new fixture manufacturers agreement. This new contract is for a period of two years and provides for a raise of eight cents the first year and seven cents the second.

Speaking of Business Manager Nolte, we wish to add that he has recently been elected chairman of the St. Louis County Building Commission.

At a meeting of the local union several months ago approval of the plans of the new building and the

### Local 1 Helps Clear Tornado's Swath



This picture shows typical storm damage in the tornado that recently swept through St. Louis. Most of the houses were multiple family dwellings, many of the typical rooming house type. Utilities lines on poles located in alleys to the rear of houses were hard hit. Utilities crews worked around the clock clearing the dangerous high voltage wires. Adequate power was restored several days later. A large job extra well done by members of the I.B.E.W. locals of St. Louis. Right: Television tower of Channel 2 was toppled by the tornado. This tower was collapsed directly on top of a four family residence, causing large damage to the house that had no other damage from the tornado itself.

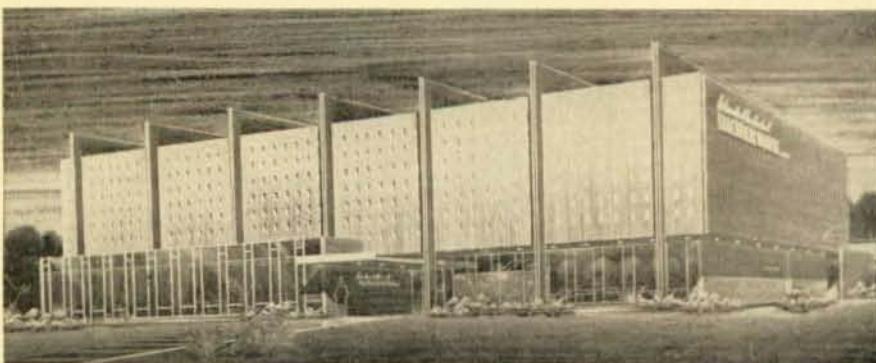
## *Local 1 with Politics, Building Plans*



Labors' friend, Stuart Symington, makes his opening bid for the nomination of President of these United States at a dinner attended by 1500 St. Louis democrats who approved the suggestion.



Show here at left are officers of Local 1 signing a contract with representatives of the St. Louis bank building corporation for the building of a new Electrical Workers' building. This new building will be located in the western section of St. Louis on a four acre tract that the local now owns. Standing left: George Bresnan, Jack Hastings, Emmett Gigson, and Jim Hartman, members of the local's executive board, and Jack Miner of the Bank Building Co. Seated: Walter Lundt, Executive Board; H. Lee Bruns, president; Paul Nolte, business manager; Leo Hennessey, financial secretary, and Norman Dennison, vice president. Officers of Local 1 visit the site of our new building to watch the first load of dirt moved by giant bulldozers to level off the space on which the new foundations will sit. Left: H. Lee Bruns, president, Local 1; Jack Miner, representative of the Design Inc. who designed the building; James Hartman, member, Executive board; Chas. Ehrle, representative of St. Louis Bank Building Co., builders of the building; Paul Nolte, business manager, Local 1; Walter Lundt, Executive Board member; Norman Dennison, vice president, Local 1, and George Bresnan, Executive Board member.



This is the artist's conception of the new home of Local 1, located on a five-acre plot with plenty of parking space for members attending meetings.

awarding of the contracts for the erection of this building were ratified by the members of Local No. 1. On April 10th ground was broken and

the work is now progressing as fast as possible. This building will have no basement as it will rest on a foundation of solid rock. Each sup-

porting column rests on a layer of rock, a minimum of four and a half feet thick. The St. Louis Bank Building and Equipment Company which will erect this magnificent building, promises the officers that they can expect to move in about March 1st, 1960.

The building is located on a five-acre tract just east of Hampton Boulevard one block north of Columbia Ave. The address is 5900 Elizabeth Avenue. This two story building will be of contemporary design with the front facade of the first floor level to be constructed almost entirely of plate glass and ornamental aluminum. The upper section will be constructed of a vinyl-coated concrete front wall. This type of construction is of a special process designed by the Bank Building Company's subsidiary, De-

sign Inc. Dark-colored Roman brick and architectural concrete will be used in the construction of the other outside walls.

The large black-topped parking area in the rear of the building will be on the level of the second floor meeting halls, giving the members direct access to the meetings without the use of stairs.

According to the designers of the building the interior will be of contemporary design with a background color of off white and natural wood tones.

The contract also provides for the complete furnishing of the building and bright shades of upholstery will prevail throughout the building. Entrance to the main lobby will be through a glass enclosed vestibule. The lobby floor will be of terrazzo while the reception lounge area will be carpeted. To the left of the lobby will be located the general offices of Local No. 1 and the Joint Apprentice Training Committee.

Also located here will be the private offices of Business Manager Paul Nolte and Financial Secretary Leo Hennessey and plenty of storage space for needed items.

Across the hall will be located an employes' recreation room, an executive board room and the general offices for the business representatives plus enough small private offices to accomodate any emergency or special need for office space. Located west of the main lobby will be the offices of the Electrical Workers Credit Union which will be able to serve its members more efficiently. Next to the Credit Union offices will be the offices of some of our sister locals, also several rental offices, and the employment office of Local No. 1.

Most of the second floor will be taken up by the large meeting hall seating about 900 persons. There will also be several small halls, lounge areas, check room, and storage space for chairs and tables.

On Saturday April 25th the Democrats of St. Louis County gave a dinner honoring Stuart Symington Democratic Senator from the State of Missouri, with 1500 persons attending the affair and voicing their unanimous approval of his candidacy for the Presidency of the United States in 1960. Keep up with this champion of union labor and look for another president from the State of Missouri.

FRANK KAUFFMAN, P.S.

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## Committee Advocates Minimum Wage Boost

L. U. 3, NEW YORK, N. Y.—Local 3's Labor Committee for Fair Wage Legislation is a Committee of 10 rank-and-file members headed by Chairman Louis Chase. This com-

mittee was formed many months ago when the membership voted to pay the union dues of any members of Local 3 who were receiving a wage rate of less than \$1.25 per hour.

They have made a thorough study of the minimum wage law, and have been advocating that all members of organized labor and their friends write letters to their Senators and members of the House of Representatives.

They have presented their findings and made appeals for support to numerous meetings of the permanent district organizations and meetings of advisory boards of the various divisions of Local 3.

All fair-minded Americans should realize the basic justice of a \$1.25 per hour minimum, and support the Labor Standards Act Bill 1046 submitted by Senators Wayne Morse and John F. Kennedy, and the House of Representatives Bill 4488 submitted by Congressman James Roosevelt.

As reported in the March 28th issue of the *AFL-CIO News*, President George Meany has indicated that Secretary of Labor James P. Mitchell's opposition to the higher minimum wage is inconsistent with a recent 700-page Labor Department report on the matter.

President Meany sent an analysis of that report with letters to Vice President Nixon and Speaker Sam Rayburn, urging prompt enactment of this important legislation to bring about a \$1.25 minimum wage and to extend the coverage to an added 7.6 million workers.

Under the direction of Business Manager Harry Van Arsdale, Jr., as one more step in the progressive effort of this union's educational program, a special class has been formed to study world affairs.

The entire staff of elected officers and paid representatives gathered in the fifth floor classroom at the union headquarters at 8 o'clock on the morning of April 2nd for the first session.

Dr. Harry J. Carman, dean emeritus of Columbia College, and educational adviser of the Joint Industry Board of the Electrical Industry, was on hand to introduce the program. He stressed the importance of spreading knowledge and understanding of these tremendously important matters and he indicated a strong enthusiasm for the undertaking.

The instructor for the class is Clyde C. Griffen, a 29-year old professor with experience in the teaching of history at Columbia University and Vassar College. His background includes a work-study trip to Pakistan in 1954 and work as a leader of a Foreign Policy Association seminar on India in 1956.

As a starter, in the first hour of classroom work the subjects of imperialism and colonialism were dis-

cussed. The first text book is "The Century of Total War" by Raymond Aron, and for added reading on the same subject "Imperialism and Social Classes" by Joseph Schumpeter was suggested.

The present plan provides that in the weeks ahead one group comprising the members of the staff who have made study tours of foreign countries will meet on Wednesday mornings, and the remainder will meet on Thursday mornings.

In addition to the class lecture and discussion, there will be outside reading and the preparation of papers outside the class. Periodic examinations will indicate the progress and serve as incentive for the eager students.

The "Scouting in Action for America Show" was held at the New York Coliseum on April 17, 18, and 19th. One thousand individual exhibits were prepared by Cub Packs, Boy Scout troops, and Explorer Posts representing 20,000 youngsters from the five boroughs of New York City.

Each exhibit represented long hours of constructive effort by American youth, guided and encouraged by devoted den mothers and scoutmasters.

The boys were justly proud of their accomplishments, and the thousands of visitors were reminded of how much a lad can do when given a proper opportunity.

In moving from one display to another, the visitors heard explanations, of every detail of the background and meaning of each exhibit, in most cases, given by self-reliant scouts of all ages.

Some of the subjects for the exhibits were—life saving, map making, fishing, pigeon raising, civil defense, railroading, ham radio, leathercraft, printing, electricity, model planes, chemistry, and navigation.

Local Union 3 has taken an active interest in Scouting in New York City dating back to January 20, 1953, at which time our Business Manager, Harry Van Arsdale, Jr., was elected to the Executive Board of the Manhattan Council of Boy Scouts of America. He served as vice-chairman of the organization and extension committee with a firm belief that "scouting should be available to every boy in our city."

On February 24, 1954 Scout Troop No. 433, sponsored by our local union, received a charter. Twenty-six boys from the neighborhood surrounding our headquarters had been recruited.

A committee of our members with background in scouting, volunteered many hours to working with the boys. Some of the committee men took a course of instruction in scouting, and William Darcy, Jr., qualified for appointment as the first scoutmaster.

At present there is a Cub Pack, a Boy Scout Troop and an Explorer

Post, sponsored by Local 3, with facilities in a large scout room in the local union headquarters. At the show they presented an exhibit of Copperwork, and an exhibit on Health and Safety.

Our program in scouting also includes eight scout troops which are sponsored by electrical contractors, and have members of the union as scoutmasters and committeemen, and are made up of boys who live in the neighborhood where each shop is located.

At the show, they provided the fol-

lowing exhibits; Benjamin Electric Troop 589—pack packing; Broadway Maintenance Troop 3—traffic safety, outdoor cooking, ham radio; Fischbach and Moore Troop 441—skiing; William Liebfried Troop 236—knapsack making; J. Livingston Troop 667—pioneering; S. J. O'Brien Troop 320—axemanship; Shell Electric Troop 413—enameling, and Welsbach Corporation Troop 375—nuclear physics. Lord Electric, Hatzel and Buehler, T. F. Jackson, and L. K. Comstock are currently in the process of organizing scout troops.

Contributing to the tremendous success of the exposition was the fact that 350 union members volunteered about 4,200 hours of work to set up and operate the show. Through the coordinating efforts of Assistant Business Manager Nat Chadwick, all jurisdictional lines were down, and a good time was had by all as the union representatives got into action. All of the unions involved in the work of setting up an exposition of this kind had representation among the volunteers, and the result was monument to their efforts.

THOMAS P. VAN ARSDALE, P.S.

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### Honor San Francisco Jubilarians



An outstanding group of members, each with 50 years of membership and one with 60 years, was given special prominence at "Old Timer" ceremonies staged by Local 6, San Francisco. Back row, from left: Henry Warfield; Edwin Jorsch; William Happ; Edward Collins; Michael Lynch; Edward Michelson. Front row: Robert Howard; Louis Junker; Max Mantler; Richard Sabbato, and Rudolph Nopper.

### Retirement of Local 6 35-Year Man Marked

L. U. 6, SAN FRANCISCO, CALIF.—On Friday evening, December 19, 1958, the electricians employed by the San Francisco Port Authority honored Brother WILLIAM J. HONAN on his retirement at a dinner in the El Portal Restaurant.

Brother Honan has been a member of Local Union No. 6, I.B.E.W., for 35 years, and had worked for the San Francisco Port Authority for 23 years. His work consisted of electrical maintenance and construction on the San Francisco waterfront docks as well as offices, restaurants and various other buildings on the waterfront owned by the State of California.

The San Francisco Port Authority was formerly called the State Harbor Commission. It is the property of the State of California. The general offices are located in the Ferry Build-



International Vice President Oscar G. Harbak does the honors while Charles J. Foehn, International Executive Council member and business manager and financial secretary of Local 6, smiles in the background. Presentation is made to, from left above, Henry Warfield (Local President John H. Klein at right), Michael Lynch and William Happ. From left below: Louis Junker, Robert Howard and 60-year member Martin E. Siem, receiving pin from Brother Foehn.



ing at the foot of Market Street (called the Ferry Building due to the fact that prior to the building of the San Francisco-Oakland Bay Bridge and the Golden Gate Bridge, ferries plied the San Francisco Bay from this building).

Electricians are on duty eight hours a shift, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Four Electricians are assigned to the shift work for a period of six weeks at a time. The other Electricians work at electrical construction and repair.

Business Manager Charles J. Foehn of Local Union No. 6 and present employes, as well as former and retired employes attended this memorable dinner. Present employes in attendance were: F. Bahr, H. Bush, R. Casagrande, W. Fahle, R. Fross, P. Hammond, W. Hubbenette, W. Isackson, J. Kafantaris, F. Luscher, G. Matteson, B. McGarvey, L. Musante, F. Raye, R. Stevenson, L. Woodworth and A. Pultz, who is also recording secretary for Local Union No. 6.

Former employes attending were: F. Wider, now San Francisco electrical contractor; A. Pastorino, electrical inspector and inside wireman apprentice instructor; E. Johnson; and J. Newsom—manager of the San Francisco Building Trades Temple.

Retired employes attending were: J. Beugger, R. Foote, J. Kennedy, former president of Local Union No. 6, and M. Lynch, former treasurer of Local Union No. 6.

Brother Foehn proposed a toast to Brother Honan which was acknowledged by his singing "Irish Eyes are Smiling," accompanied by all present. He was then presented with a table model radio as a retirement gift from his fellow workers.

"Old Timers Nite" was celebrated by local Union No. 6 on January 22, 1959, by paying tribute to 60, 50, 45, 40 and 35 year members.

The following "Old Timers" were presented with scrolls and lapel pins:

60 Year Members: George W. Ferrier, Frank Nelson, Martin E. Siem.

50 Year Members: Edward Collins, William Happ, Robert Howard, Edwin Jorsch, Louis Junker, Michael Lynch, Max Mantler, Edward Michelson, Rudolph Nopper, Richard Sabbato, Henry Warfield.

45 Year Members: Fred Dresser, Angus Ferguson, Albert Forsell, Robert Hamilton, Warren Healy, G. A. Prinz, Allan Pultz, W. P. Roche, Henry Schumacher, Charles Schlaich, Jack Slater, Walter Smith, Charles Terrill Sr.

40 Year Members: F. R. Brasseur, William Carmignani, J. Conahan, Nicholas Crosby, George Draeger, William Dunn, Arthur Fross, Theobald Gillan, Michael Hein, Sinclair Johnson, Sr., George Nelson, Roland Nilsson, Joseph Pardini, Frank Raye, George Richards.

35 Year Members: Frank Arnauld, Anthony Bellontoni, Harry Bradshaw, Peter Durkin, Charles J. Foehn, William Frizzi, Frank Glynn, D. Goodenough, James Graham, Charles Hackenberg, Andrew Hanselman, Burt Hobson, Frank Jovick, Ben McGarvey, Frank McQuaid, Patrick Madden, Jacob Multer, Gerald L. Pickle, H. Reed, D. Reynolds, John Reynolds, Rodney Schroeder, John Sommer, Orval Spealman, E. Speck, Clarence Swanson, Hans Taubert, Donald Townsend, Albert Young.

The local union auditorium was filled to capacity with the honored members as well as the officers and members of Local Union No. 6.

Charles J. Foehn, business manager and International Executive Council Member, introduced the pension members to the guests present, with the assistance of Jack Klein, president of Local Union No. 6.

We were honored by having International Vice-President of the Ninth District, Oscar G. Harbak, present the scrolls and pins. International Representatives Otto Reiman and Henry Hayden as well as many of the Bay Area IBEW local union business managers and their assistants were also present on this memorable evening.

At the close of the presentation ceremonies, the honored members and guests were entertained with three acts of vaudeville, after which refreshments were served.

Press Secretary.

### March on Statehouse To Oppose Vicious Law

L. U. 22, OMAHA, NEBR.—On March 4, 1959, approximately 75 men from our jurisdiction met at 9:00 a.m. to form a protesting caravan to the statehouse in Lincoln, Nebraska. Along with 2500 men from other crafts we formed standing room only conditions in the courtroom. The reason for this caravan was Bill 560 a vicious law against labor. LB 560, a secondary boycott bill, was introduced by a senator who lives in the same district as a big business man who claims the Teamsters Union forced him out of business by way of the secondary boycott; therefore this anti-boycott, anti-labor bill was formed. The court allotted each side an hour for a debate before the committee. Representing labor in excellent form was our AFL-CIO. State President Gordon Preble and Lawyer David Weinberg. Although losing the battle by a committee vote of 4-2, the legislature has become aware of organized labor. LB 560 will now go before the Governor and legislature for a vote. We are hoping that Governor Brooks will either veto or submit some amendments on this bill.

Ed Hemmingson, business agent,

was sent to Washington to attend the Building Trades Conference. This is the fourth year our business agent has attended this conference and this year some satisfaction was attained. Three out of our state's four Representatives are favorable towards labor. In the Senate we have two anti-labor men who were too busy to see the labor representatives from our state. Curtis and Hruska are these Senators. Our representatives learned the necessary know-how to approach the right persons with proper procedure in order to secure favorable answers for the good of our local and trade.

Our local has started printing a monthly publication with the activities job site comments, business agent report, etc. This paper is called "The 22 Newsletter." This project has been started to keep the Brothers informed of local activities and to better the attendance at our monthly meetings. "Hat's off" to Harold Elsasser, editor and his crew of correspondents.

See you all next month.

C. JENSEN, P.S.

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### Long Island Local Honors Second "50" Man

L. U. 25, LONG ISLAND, N. Y.—At our regular January meeting, we had the privilege of honoring our second 50-year member.

Brother Herbert G. Biedermann was initiated in Local 3 on January 1, 1909, and has, among his prized possessions, every card issued him from that day to this. He deposited his traveler in Local 25 on March 20, 1942.

When Brother Biedermann started back in the early days of Local 3, in New York City, labor strife was at its peak. He vividly recollects the jurisdictional troubles and the 1904 lock-out. His first association with the "Inside Electrical Workers of Greater New York" netted him the privilege of earning \$1.50 per day. His second year paid him at the rate of \$2.50 per day and, finally, after a few more years of arduous apprenticeship, he received his journeyman's ticket and the full measure of \$4.50 per day based on a 44-hour week.

Brother Biedermann was married in 1915 to the lovely lady pictured with him. Four daughters have presented them with 15 grandchildren. Although Brother Biedermann hasn't any sons to follow in his place he doesn't rule the possibility of his grandsons doing so. Brother Biedermann recalled with amusement and gratification his early days of marriage and the struggle of raising a family on \$24.75 per week.

Brother Biedermann worked on many of the big buildings in New York City including Grand Central Station

## *Mark Christmas, Retirement at Local 25*



A gala Christmas party was staged by Local 25, Long Island, N.Y., with many happy small-fry in attendance. At left, Brother Jack Donahue (Santa) checks the plan of action with his three helpers, Charles Baldwin and Richard and Irl Everett. Members and their families can be seen enjoying the festivities in the local's new hall at right.



Local 25 President Bob Starke presents a television set on behalf of the local to Brother Bert Biedermann. Bert is shown with wife holding 50-year scroll.

and the Chrysler Building. His record as journeyman and foreman are enviable. Although Brother Biedermann has a half century completed, he has worked for comparatively few contractors . . . Johnson and Livingston from 1909 to 1914, Comstock Electric from 1914 to 1918, Hatzel and Buehler from 1918 to 1939 (21 years). At present, Brother Biedermann is employed by Geeco Electric Company of Franklin Square, New York, and has been a top foreman for the past 15 years.

Brother Biedermann says: "My working days with Local Union 25 have been the happiest and most gratifying."

When asked about retirement, he said that he hasn't even thought of it. He is in good health and enjoys working too much to even consider it at this time.

Pictured with Brother Biedermann and Mrs. Biedermann is our President Bob Starke presenting, in behalf of the members of Local 25, a bouquet of roses to Mrs. Biedermann, and to "Bert" his scroll and pin; also as a token of esteem, a television set.

We sincerely hope "Bert" will enjoy many years of good health and happiness and many hours of relaxed T.V.

JAMES T. ALLWIN, P.S.

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### **200 Local 26 Members Employed on Project**

L. U. 26, WASHINGTON, D.C.—Spring fever has set in and the urge to write is lost along with all ambition to do anything. But Washington

goes right along, with everyone talking about the weather and no one doing anything about it.

The Powerhouse at Dickerson is going great guns and every effort is being made to put it on the line as soon as possible. Three hundred electricians are a lot of men to have on one job, at one time. Some of the good Brothers have taken their trailers along with them and are "roughing" it, so to speak. Being about an hour's run from Washington, this seems to be a solution to the loss of sleep problem. Now that the winter is over, driving that far out is less hazardous and with all that beautiful weather coming up, life takes on again a brighter hue.

All of the Bowling Teams are at their peak at the present time and tentative plans are being made for the annual dinner and presentation of trophies to the winning teams. This is a Local 26 activity. While a good many of the bowlers who are at the Tuesday night sessions, bowl with the Building Trades League, they also take a great interest in the Saturday night contests. Clint Bearor expresses thanks for the response to his request, that some of the members of Local 26 come out and bowl with him on Tuesday nights, and interest has revived in this great indoor sport.

The Credit Union has taken an upward surge and is still doing business at the old stand, 1745 K St. N.W., every Saturday morning, from 9:00 till 12:00 noon. If you have a financial problem, take it to the good Brothers on Saturday morning and you can rest assured, you will come away well satisfied.

Miss Ellis and Mrs. Maxey were discussing their vacations with Mrs. Eby (all of Local 26 office force) and decided against going to Alaska or Hawaii this year because they are both in the United States now and have lost their lure and glamor. All three were debating taking a fast trip to Brazil or points south, when

Connie Curtin, overhearing their conversation, suggested the Ould Sod, (Eire). With the presence of himself, Sean T. O'Kelly, President of Eire, as a visitor to this country, Connie felt very secure in this statement. Everything was green in Washington on March 17th. Even President Eisenhower had on a green tie.

Attendance at the union meetings is something to be commented upon very favorably. Brother Ray Dimmick, major-domo par excellence, has voiced his gifted opinion and says that he gives out more tickets lately than he has given out in the past several months. Comparable figures from last year indicate greater attendance, says Brother Dimmick. Of course the meetings after the regular meeting are also well attended too, and if only some of these silver-throated orators who hold the floor

at some tavern were able to get up and tell their tale of woe to the members at the meeting instead of holding a few listeners spellbound, who knows, Local 26 might come up with a toastmaster or an after-dinner speaker. The trouble is, the body does not retain Vitamin C, too long and thus, and alas, all these fine talents are lost.

FRANCIS J. O'NEILL, P.S.

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### Baltimore Stages Banquets For Apprentices, Bowlers

L. U. 28, BALTIMORE, MD.—On Thursday May 21, 1959 our local will honor 45 graduating apprentices at a dinner and dance to be held at the Sheraton Belvedere Hotel in the Assembly Room at 7:00 p.m. for the

graduates and their wives or dates. At this time they will be presented with their certificates and a medallion which on one side has the initials "I.B.E.W." and "N.E.C.A." around the outside edge, with a map of the U. S. A. in the center. On the reverse side are the basic formulas for electrical problems. This medallion will be presented for the first time.

Two days later the bowlers will come into their own when they hold their annual banquet on Saturday May 23, 1959 at 7:00 p.m. at the Southern Hotel. The Chairman of this league is Mark King. I am sure at this time the bowlers are anticipating a wonderful evening of entertainment. The award will be presented at this time.

The past regular meetings have been well attended. As you all know, the Labor Committee has been in negotiations with the contractors for

### Brave Cold to Help Organizing Effort



At the height of winter's fury, members of Local 43, Syracuse, N.Y., volunteered to pass out literature at the gate of the Crouse Hinds Company prior to their N.L.R.B. election.



Members of Local 43's bowling league huddle over the score sheet and compare games on a busy night at the alleys.

a new contract. It seems at present they are at a stand still. With the Labor Committee report and the presence of International Representative Charles Goidel, the meetings have been most informative. Our local should benefit greatly from his information and experience.

It was nice to see in the March issue of the JOURNAL that Local 743 has two members with a brother in Congress. Local 28 also has a member of Congress carrying an I.B.E.W. card—Edward A. Garmatz. Honorable Brother Garmatz was elected to the 80th Congress from the Third District of Maryland in 1947 to fill a vacancy created by the election of Thomas D'Alesandro, Jr. as Mayor of Baltimore. He was re-elected to 81st, 82nd, 83rd, 84th, 85th and 86th Congresses. He was unopposed in the Democratic Primary Elections of 1954, 1956 and 1958. In the election of 1958 he received 49,649 votes to his opponent's 9,470.

Fulfill your obligation to your local. Regularly attend the meetings and support your officers.

"PETE" HAMILL, P.S.

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### Sports Activities of Cleveland Local Summarized

L. U. 38, CLEVELAND, OHIO—In

#### Bill Assures Better Electrical Inspection



Governor Albert D. Rosellini of Washington signs into law the bill requiring the licensing of electrical contractors throughout the state. Bob Perry, business representative of Local 46, Seattle, Washington, was an active worker in promoting this measure. From Left to Right: John O'Brien, Speaker of the House; Robert A. Perry, State Representative and Business Representative of Local 46; Governor Rosellini, and Len Sawyer, State Representative from Pierce County.

every local union there has to be some outlet for members to thrive and expend common energies together. The quotation "All work and no play, makes Jack a dull boy," can never be said of our members. In this month's article I would like to cover sports activities of our local union.

The second annual IBEW Golf Tournament will be held on Saturday, August 8, 1959 with the Golf League of the local union as the host. Syracuse, New York Local 43 had the opportunity of getting this tournament started last year and did an excellent job. Approximately 100 golfers from eight local unions attended.

This year's tournament will be held at the Loyal Oak Golf course on U.S. 21 about 23 miles Southeast of Cleveland. There will be a team event for the traveling trophy donated by the Syracuse and Cleveland Golf Leagues. There will also be many individual events. A buffet supper will be the climax of this year's tournament. We wish to extend a cordial invitation to any wireman local union that is interested. For information or entry write: Local Union 38, IBEW Golf League, 3043 Superior Avenue, Cleveland 14, Ohio.

Our ball team plays approximately 20 games each season and for the last 13 years has brought us four championships. We play softball with fast pitching. None of this blooper ball stuff for our boys. After putting in a

hard day at work, 18 men take to the ball diamond and put their efforts together to make a champion team. To prove this we have at the local a mantle full of trophies that is an inspiring sight to all baseball enthusiasts.

After a late start, the bowlers went into action, and the boys rounded out the season very well. Competition was keen which created good natured rivalry among the Brothers. Our Bowlers at this writing are getting ready to go to the tournament and after a fine season we are sure to come back with a lot of prizes. Don't let us down boys; we'll be rooting for you.

As they say in our local union, "If you can't play sports, then be one."

PETE LOBAS, P.S.

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### Attempted Organization of 60-Year Open Shop Fails

L. U. 43, SYRACUSE, N. Y.—The pictures which accompany this letter were taken at six o'clock in the morning on a snowy and near zero wintry day. Members of many of the IBEW locals in this city had volunteered their services at the last pass-out of printed matter at the gates of Crouse Hinds Company prior to the National Labor Relations Board election being held the next day. For 60 years this company has had an open shop. The election went in favor of the company, but I am led to believe that we will continue the campaign in the near future. The leader of our movement was International Representative Bill Schrode with assistance from International Representatives Sol Miller and Joe Boki. They deserve much credit in their attempt to organize this firm, especially when one thinks of the unusual winter we went through up here, with much snow and bitter cold to face nearly every meeting and also every time we passed out literature at the shop gates early in the morning. Our hands got half frozen as the wearing of gloves prevented the proper handling of the printed matter.

Now it is the first of May, and the golfers have again started their activities although I haven't heard any of the details as yet. The Bowling League is winding up its season and many of its members will switch over to the golfing and fishing activities. The fishing season really opened the first of this month when it became legal to take pike, perch or walleyes in this state. This doesn't make the trout fisherman unhappy as it takes away from his streams many of the fellows who prefer fishing from the seat of a boat to the more rugged fishing for trout. Personally I prefer the lake fishing, as you can always go to sleep in the bottom of

## *On Public Housing Project in Newark*



Thirteen million dollars are being spent on a new public housing project in Newark, N. J. Local 52 is handling the electrical work. At left is the lay-out gang, Bob Stutz, Sheldon Portnow, Jack McGlue and Joe Snyder. Part of the deck gang on the top slab are seen at right: Tommy King, shop steward; Jimmy Larkin; Charles Brown; Joe Barba, foreman, and Tommy McGovern, kneeling.



At left, the deck gang is installing slab conduit and at right, is a section of the floor showing typical header duct installation ready for concrete slab.

the boat when the darned things won't bite.

We do not have any sickness or deaths to report, which makes us feel good. Work is still quite scarce here, although a few of the Brothers are again on a payroll after weeks of warming the bench. There has been a slight increase in construction here but nothing to get optimistic about. The only thing that makes us feel happy is the fact that spring has finally sprung, with the early flowers and the magnolia trees in their full glory. And that is something to take pleasure in after the really rugged winter we went through.

JAMES N. MCKAY, P.S.

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### **Improve Inspection by Licensing Contractors**

L. U. 46, SEATTLE, WASH.—Greetings from Seattle. Our local papers have been so full of space age news; anti-anti missiles; jet liner records; and Boeing's plans for man-carrying statellites that it will be tough for your press secretary to settle down



Shop steward Tommy King and Wireman John McCann standing by one of the low voltage bus duct risers which will feed lighting panels.

and report the "colorless" activities of we ordinary "earth men." But, anyway, here goes.

Our State Legislature, after a long wrangle with the problems of taxation, did pass legislation affecting members of our trade. Unemployment Compensation was increased as were benefits under our Industrial Insurance regulations.

The IBEW locals in the state were

jubilant over the passage of a bill which would provide for better electrical inspection throughout the state by licensing Electrical Contractors. Bob Perry, our own business representative, working this year as an elected representative, can take part of the credit for helping to raise the standards of the industry.

We were disappointed that a bill aimed at the rash of fly-by-night T.V. repair shops did not make the grade. The T.V. Service Association (a Dealer Organization employing our members) planned to set up requirements for the qualified service shop as well as the training and examination of technicians, but their efforts were scuttled by the "man eat man" advocates and the correspondence school lobbyists who claim they can make you a highly paid Radio and T.V. Repairman with short training.

Business Representative Gordon Puckett gets this month's bouquet for lining up about 50 of our younger members — mostly apprentices — for donations to our Blood Bank. These donors have a dinner coming at the Kilowatt Restaurant—Thanks.

Although summer is coming on, a personal word here to any of you Construction Stiffs around the Country or in our neighboring state of Alaska who have been bothered with poor circulation, cold feet, callouses, or curled-up shoes, write me a note, care of Local 46, and I will tell you about some new Swedish wooden shoes that work wonders.

And with the mention of Alaska, we want to remind you "home-

steaders" again and again and again, etc, etc, do not, repeat, do not go North without a pretty good nest egg.

Since our last writing, Brother Ernest E. Crussell has passed away.

"KNUTE" MALLETT, P.S.  
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### Break Ground for Modern, Low-Rent Apartments

L. U. 52, NEWARK, N. J.—On May

### History, Old and New, in Colorado



On the doorstep of the tiny building claimed to be the first Capitol of Colorado stand Russell Crutcher, A. Ray Graham of the Executive Board and Lawrence Farnan, business manager of Local 68, Denver, Colo. The state is celebrating its Centennial Anniversary.



Deep in the Continental Divide, Business Agent Farnan took this shot of Glenn G. Geyer, Kay Filler and Sherman Pratt on the site of the Roberts Tunnel at Dillon, Colo., 24,000 feet inside a mountain.

1st, 1958, ground was broken for the thirteen million dollar Public Housing Authority project No. 2-15 in Newark, New Jersey. The project, one of many already erected in Newark, is designed to furnish modern, well lit apartments in the low income rent level. The project when completed will house 1,208 families. Included in the plans are recreational facilities for the young and old, and also, a community building for administrative work plus a community hall for jointly-sponsored activities. The seven 12-story buildings are elevator serviced with all outside rooms. The accompanying photographs show various stages of construction.

The electrical work is being done by Ernest Jarvis and Company of Newark.

Another building in the ever enlarging Newark Skyline is the multi-million dollar Prudential Life Insurance Building. This 26-story, 15-elevator building encompasses all of the latest construction innovations for buildings of this type. With modern exterior and interior, this steel and concrete giant will do much to enhance the downtown area of Newark.

The header duct flooring is as versatile an installation as can be used in office buildings, allowing unlimited latitude in the placing of telephone and low voltage outlets.

The work is being performed by members of Local 52, employed by Beach Electric Company of Newark, with George Mierdierck, general foreman and Joe Barba, Edward Ellam and Francis Mackey as sub-foremen.

Enclosed are several pictures of construction progress. The present schedule calls for completion early next year.

T. A. KNIGHT, P.S.  
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### Donate Work to Colorado Centennial Celebration

L. U. 68, DENVER, COLO.—As part of the Colorado Centennial Celebration, the State has set up on the Capitol grounds what is purported to be one of the original buildings used as a meeting place for the territorial legislature. Much controversy has been forthcoming in opposition to the above claimed facts stating that such was not the case. The real answer is probably lost in history and unless some new evidence is found, we will never know whether or not one or the other of these contentions is true.

Nevertheless, the building erected in its present state certainly could be passed as the original Capitol and certainly does lend to the atmosphere for the Centennial Celebration.

Local Union 68 is proud to have

## *Seattle Local Stages Retirement Party, Mortgage-Burning*



At the retirement party of Local 77 are seen, left to right: H. S. Silvernale; Charlie Lonac; Joe Blaylock; August Niemi; Joe Embry; Vito Valerio; Sam Cole; Charlie Nolop; Joe Flynn; A. W. McKenzie, and John Starcevich.

had a part in the erection of this building and has donated the work for the wiring. The following men donated their time and labor to complete the wiring of this building: Ray Graham, Executive Board member; Russell Crutcher; Don Pierce; John Bradley; William Wood, Executive Board member; Fred Bauer; Louis Grunberg, S. Vande Ven, Pete Belcher.

The location of this voluntary effort was not entirely foreign to the members of Local Union 68 as it was only two months ago that they had worked across the street on the City and County Building for its Christmas lighting display.

The work situation in the Denver area continues to pick up at a slow rate. Local Union 68 has just undergone the slowest winter as far as work is concerned since 1941. Several times throughout the winter more than 10 percent of our local members have been unemployed. The normal spring work picture has not improved as speedily as it usually does. The ground is fairly dry now and yet anticipated jobs haven't started as expected. If this is any indication, it probably will be slow all summer as compared to recent years.

Deep in the Colorado Rocky Mountains, at an elevation of 9,500 feet is one of the most interesting construction jobs being performed in the United States today. Surrounded by snow-capped peaks, reaching 14,000 feet elevation, men of the IBEW are working beside men of other crafts. Their job is driving a 23½ mile tunnel under the Continental Divide. This is the Roberts Diversion Tunnel, a part of the Colorado Bule River Project. Upon completion, the tunnel will siphon much needed water from the west side of the Continental Divide to the plains area of Denver. This project has been under construction for 2½ years and will run approximately another 2 years.

From an electrical standpoint, this has been a very interesting job. Because of the size and length of the

tunnel, which is claimed to be the longest ever constructed in this country, several problems were immediately incurred. The above-ground facilities such as the hoist houses, hoist towers, pumping power and facilities, and electrical distribution were constructed as permanent. This was done due to the duration of the job to eliminate as far as possible costly breakdowns. For the first time on an underground construction project 13,000 KVA was used. Because of the distances involved the engineering department thought this was necessary. However, it also complicated the safety program. The tunnel is being drilled, through almost its entire length in water-soaked ground and rock and where high voltages are concerned this constitutes a serious problem for equipment as well as the safety of the men.

Once the above-ground facilities were established the electrical crew is continuing on an almost routine operation of maintaining the equipment and advancing the electrical distribution lines as the mining crews advance in the tunnel. After each mucking operation new holes are drilled in the tunnel heading. These are loaded with powder and the shot is wired. The Electrician brings the electrical shooting lines forward and attaches them and then everyone retreats 600 feet back in the tunnel for the shooting. This operation is, of course, continually repeated.

The tunnel is being drilled on four headings. The west portal is at Dillon, Colorado and the east portal, 23½ miles across the mountains, at Grant, Colorado. Midway between at Montezuma, Colorado they have sunk a 1,000 foot shaft and are extending headings on two sides to meet the crews from the Dillon and Grant portals. The operation is proceeding on a three-shift basis, six days a week.

Two major problems have been encountered to date which have not only slowed down the operations but have greatly increased the cost. The



Burning the mortgage of the Spokane office of Local 77 are, left to right, Arnold Wagner, chairman, Unit 77-123 Spokane, Business Manager Arthur B. Kenny and President H. S. Silvernale.

first of these was bad ground which has necessitated the installation of steel shoring almost continuously. In one place the ground was so water-logged and subject to shifts that these eight-inch steel shores were installed almost side by side for a distance of one-half mile. The second major set-back on the schedule occurred one month ago when extreme water flow at the shaft Dillon heading was encountered. The flow was in such an amount that further progress could not be made without flooding the tunnel unless it was checked. To date the crew has forced in 20,000 bags of concrete in an attempt to decrease this condition.

The enclosed picture was taken 24,000 feet into the mountain on the Dillon heading. Ten feet beyond is the face where the miners are drilling preparatory to a shooting. Shown in the picture are Brother Glenn Geyer, Assistant Business Manager Kay Filler, Local Union 68 and Brother Sherman Pratt, electrical foreman on this heading. By the water appearing on the mens clothes you can see the conditions under which these men are performing their jobs. Assistant Business Manager Filler and I got quite a kick out of Brother Geyer when we approached him 24,000 feet underground when he exclaimed, "You guys would go any place to check a man's card!"

In addition to Brothers Geyer and Pratt, the following men are working in other headings and on other shifts: James Bishop, Alvin Boling, Charles Furman, Sylvan Hayes, Joe Kirchoff, Fred Klaich, Ralph McDonald, Sidney Parker, Frank Schake, Charles Seaton, Michael Sekora, Melvin Sitton, Leonard Spencer, Albert Tenney, Ross Veeder and Merlin Williams. These men are to be commended for doing a terrifically difficult job under rather unpleasant circumstances.

LAWRENCE C. FARNAN, B.M.

## Local 77 Participates in Apprentice Program



Washington Water Power Company employees shown above are graduate apprentices representing a number of trades at which they work, including members of Local 77, Seattle. Top row: Allen Waters; Wilbur Groppe; John D. Tesařík; Walter Schillinger; Robert Osborne; Murray Leytze; Cecil Cables; Philip Bender, and Guy Parmley. Second row: Robert Choate; Dan Lintecum; James Doyle; William Wood; Al Hyko; Frank Williams; Merlin Weed; Robert Raynor; Al Stratton; Jake Yake; Wm. Fout; Charles Kay, and James Glore. Third row: Ralph Olson; Irving White; Herbert Higbee; Donald Anderson; Harvel Wood, and Everett Wagner.



Washington Water Power Company Apprentice Operators get special training in their third year of schooling by special mechanical devices. Shown in the picture are: Merlin Weed; Wm. Wood; Oscar Ranzenbach; James Doyle; Aubrey Nystuen; Al Hyko, and Roderick Wallen.

### 35-Year Puget Sound Man Retires from Seattle Local

L. U. 77, SEATTLE, WASH.—On March 6, 1959, members of Local

Union 77, Olympia Unit 112, and their families held a retirement party for Brother Ray Ebbutt and his wife. Brother Ebbutt had worked for the Puget Sound Power and Light Company as a lineman since 1924 except

for the period of 1934 to 1937 when he was off due to an injury. His fellow employees presented him with a retirement gift, an Argus C44 camera and all the accessories to go with it. International Vice President O. G. Harbak presented him with a 25-year pin in the IBEW. Local Union Vice President Leo Comstock, a member of Unit 112, acted as master of ceremonies and was ably assisted by Local Union President, H. S. Silvernale. Mr. Rollo Johnson, Southern Division manager for Puget Sound Power and Light Company was present to extend to Brother Ebbutt his best wishes. The many old timers who were there with their wives to give advice and greetings included Brothers D. H. Bennett, E. H. Gantenbein, W. R. Peter, Nick Gronka, E. C. Garrard and Ralph Drury. All of the officers of Local Union 77 were there to pay tribute to a swell guy. Happy retirement to you, Brother Ebbutt and your wife!

An apprenticeship training program set up by Local Union 77 and the Washington Water Power Company, covers a three-year span and is controlled by a Joint Committee. The apprentices must complete the full course before they are eligible to receive the journeyman rating. The course is set up to give two years of technical and vocational schooling and the third year to be special training in the respective branch of the trade.

This program has been in effect for 12 years and we are looking ahead to a bright future. A banquet was given recently in honor of a class of these apprentices. (See accompanying pictures.)

A few highlights of the various agreements which have been negotiated recently are as follows:

Puget Sound Power and Light Company—An increase of 4.2 percent, making the journeyman lineman's scale \$3.23 per hour on a 15-month contract; a 5 cent-an-hour adjustment for the steam hydro and substation operators; service dispatcher, meter journeyman and mechanic (hydro) a 6 cent per hour adjustment. Extension of sick leave credit from 90 to 180 days.

Snohomish County Public Utility District: this is the last year of a three year agreement with the journeyman lineman scale automatically going to \$3.20 per hour. An extension of sick leave from 90 to 120 days and medical coverage payments increased from \$5.00 to \$6.50 per month.

Seattle City Light: signed a 15-month contract with a 16 cent increase on the journeyman lineman scale bringing it to \$3.23 per hour. This is the 100 percent figure and all other scales are a percentage thereof.

Cowlitz County Public Utility District: signed a one-year agreement for 12 cents per hour which brings the journeyman lineman scale to 3.32.

Washington Water Power Company: signed a one-year agreement for 13 cents per hour bringing the journeyman lineman scale to 3.23.

Our members turned down the offer made by the General Telephone Company of the Northwest by an overwhelming majority, and negotiations have been resumed.

Members of Local Union 77 regret the passing away of Brother George Mackie who died March 11, 1959 after a short illness due to cancer.

Open House was held from 2:00 p.m. until 10:00 p.m., at Spokane, Washington on March 27, 1959 to celebrate the final payment on the mortgage of our Spokane building. The actual mortgage burning ceremony occurred at 8:00 p.m., witnessed by a capacity crowd. The following committee members are to be commended for their efficient planning of this affair which made it such a success: A. E. Critchlow, J. C. Gronnebek, H. Pottratz, L. Tschirgi, A. Wagner, E. G. Gratton, D. W. Holmes, A. R. Rothrock and E. G. Amsbury.

A meeting was held on March 28th for the Puget Sound Power and Light Company shop stewards and another meeting was held April 4th for the City Light Shop stewards. This is in line with Business Manager Art Kenny's policy of getting

the shop stewards together to discuss their problems and a solution to them. At the conclusion of each meeting a representative of management is invited to speak to the shop stewards on the overall problems and policies of the company. We hope that these meetings will result in better understanding for all parties.

The "A" and "BA" members of the Aberdeen-Hoquiam Unit 105 held a joint meeting on April 6th in honor of a veteran employee, Vito Valerio. Vito has been sick for some months so this retirement party had been delayed. His return to good health made it all the more reason for a happy get together. The many other retired employees who attended to welcome Vito into their exclusive group were: Charlie Lonac, August Niemi, Joe Embry, Sam Cole, Charlie Nolop and A. W. McKenzie.

The employes of General Telephone Company went out on strike on March 25, 1959 and are still out. They are at least 25 cents per hour under the going scale in the area and in many classifications even farther behind than that. The company only offered increases of from 2 cents to 5 cents per hour knowing the employes had voted 7 to 1 to strike if they were not offered more than that amount. A letter has been sent out to all the members of Local 77 informing them of the situation and the possibility that this may be a long strike. It has also been suggested that each member on a voluntary basis, donate one hour's pay to a defense fund to help our Sisters and Brothers.

Two Electrical Workers Union representatives from Japan, Hirogiro Okamatsu (Oaky) and Kenichi Koshimura (Kenny) spent two weeks visiting our local during April. They are in the U.S.A. for nine months on a program sponsored by the United States Department of Labor. Their time is divided between going to school in Washington, D. C. and visiting different labor unions throughout the country, to see how they actually operate. The purpose of this program is to help them raise their wages and standard of living so that we can compete with them on an equal basis.

We learned many interesting things from Oaky and Kenny. For instance, the Electrical Workers Union in Japan was formed after the war and has grown to 125,000 members. There is a local union for each power company. Wages are based on age (60 percent) and school plus technical knowledge (40 percent). They average about \$60.00 per month with living standards approximately one third of ours. To create more jobs, retirement age is 55 but their pensions don't start until they are 65 years old. Those 10 years between retirement and start of their pension are difficult years to say the least.

STAN BOWEN, P.S.

## Death Claims Pioneer Virginia Contractor

L. U. 80, NORFOLK, VA.—Construction in this section of the Tidewater Area still remains in a slump. Our Negotiating Committee has settled a two-year contract calling for 12½ cents effective April 1st and 12½ cents next April 1st.

The members of Local 80 mourn the loss of and extend condolences to the survivors of one of its charter members, John T. Hudgins, 70, president and treasurer of the Old Dominion Electric Company, who passed on recently at Bethesda, Maryland. A life-long resident of Norfolk, residing at 1802 Granby Street, he was a member of the National Contractors Association and one of the oldest electrical contractors in Tidewater, Virginia. His many and varied accomplishments were reputable, as was his role as one of the electrical pioneers for organized labor in this area.

Sincere wishes for early recovery go to Brother Bob Carmone who recently underwent major surgery and who may be out for several weeks. And also to Brother "Pop" Leach who has been out for several weeks on the sick list.

Construction of the VEPCO power plant at Gilmerton, Virginia has arrived at the gradual lay-off period which further complicates the work situation.

There's little doubt but that a published column, with truth as the prime intent not only presents a clear perspective of the present economic rough and tumble, but actually becomes a national asset of the first magnitude by furnishing the American public with sufficient reasons for good old-fashioned optimism. Woe be unto the ardent reader with a thin skin, for his is the lot of doubt, fear, misgivings and jumbled emotions after reading the unpalatable falsehoods of some of our present-day columnists.

A few samples of big business (press) salesmanship with refutations serve as a fair illustration. Columnist George Sokolsky, in a recent column headed: "U.S. Goods Seen Outpriced Because of Union Demands," claims that: "The essential stumbling block to full employment is not the mechanical processes, but the selling price of the product in the market place." Sylvia Porter (noted columnist on economic matters): "Corporation profit increases, nothing short of sensational. Unemployment remains millions above a minimum." Harry Bernard (*Chicago Daily News* columnist): "Perhaps the current deluge of groans and warnings about inflation may be out of focus. I get a strong fragrance indicating that some of this deluge is motivated less by concern over the

general welfare than by a slicker than usual effort to check possible legitimate demands by labor for a better slice of the economic pie."

The American Iron and Steel Institute (in a recent large, open and conspicuous advertisement) asks: "Isn't it time to stop this inflationary rise in wage costs that is undermining the job security of American Workers? Inflation robs us all." (However inflation didn't seem to do much robbing of "us," two steel corporations of which we have the very latest financial reports.) The U.S. Steel Corporation—after taxes in 1958—with total assets of \$4,436,000,000 made a profit of \$301,000,000 with only 223,500 employees and 311,700 stockholders. The Bethlehem Steel Corporation—after taxes in 1958—with \$2,195,000,000 assets made a profit of \$138,000,000 with only 140,500 employees and paid dividends to 186,000 stockholders.

Chester Bowles, Connecticut Congressman, in a maiden speech in the House: "Since 1945 the rise in labor output per man-hour has remained roughly comparable to wage increases in most industries. Even in those industries where it has lagged somewhat, the gap has been too small to justify the bitterly unfair attacks that have been launched against the American labor movement as a whole. Much less can it justify the management-determined price increases in a basic industry like steel." Roger Greene, A.P. staff writer, reveals some pertinent facts, "Industry has been accelerating the trend to push-button factories, robot production lines and automatic offices. And in the labor market, a broad band of vanished jobs appears—gross national output has risen to an all-time high, but there are still 1½ million fewer nonfarm jobs in the United States today than in March 1957—yet economists say the slump is almost over—production is surging ahead, why all the unemployment? Why the lag in jobs catching up with production?"

On this holy Easter Day, as this is written, it seems only logical to assume that many a forlorn, unemployed worker, in a vain attempt to support his family or retain his faith in humanity, can but compare his hapless lot with others who have an over-abundance, over and beyond any possible need or useful purpose other than investment to further pyramid untold millions, or to wonder whether the American (veterans included) worker was ever considered, or will even the most ardent exponent of inherent human rights ever find expression for the coining of that decadent phrase—the arrogant boast that has, long since, won us the hostility of, at least, two-thirds of the entire civilized world—"It could only happen in America."

J. V. (JOE) HOCKMAN, P.S.

## Members Benefit from \$500,000,000 Project

L. U. 100, FRESNO, CALIF.—Usually, at this time of year contractors start having a little luck, and we all start to work. However, April is here, and while we have commenced sending the boys out we still have some home guards on the bench.

Prospects point to a reasonably good year.

Our Business Manager Fred Hardy, and our former president, Brother Lloyd Myers just returned from a trip to the Building Trades Legislative Council in Washington, D. C. Afterwards, Brother Myers was taking his vacation, visiting relatives in the east when the Congressional Committee handling the San Louis Project wired him to come back to attend a hearing. Due to the efforts of these and others the San Louis Project finally went over. This \$500,000,000 irrigation project will be more grist to everybody's mill. (Brother Myers is now business manager for the local Building Trades Council.)

We are very fortunate to have these Brothers who are willing and able to represent us in the political field. We are slowly, and painfully learning that we must protect ourselves in this field whether we like it or not.

San Louis is a huge irrigation project. A great part will be grading and ditching, but there will be some electrical work too. We won't start to feel the impact of it till next year, and after.

Our business manager and Negotiating Committee signed a new contract with the NECA, as reported in the last issue. Our city has the NECA, and also a local group of independents. The committee recently also signed up the independents. Our business manager is now going after the few non-union contractors we have.

The weather has turned warmer, with beautiful, balmy, spring days. All we need to make us happy is a lot more business.

R. P. (FLASH) GORDON, P.S.

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## Threats to Unionism Seen Serious, Pressing

L.U. 103, BOSTON, MASS. — The more I read the articles written by the newspaper columnists the more I realize that there is a monstrous effort being made to defeat the basic principles of unionism. These efforts are being directed to the unorganized and in more subtle and roundabout ways are intended to create interest in the minds of the uninterested and lackadaisical union members. The de-

pressing results are that they are making headway with these efforts.

"There are very few real union men left, they are slowly dying off." These words were part of an editorial in a recent Journal. The truth of the matter is that there are many members and officers alike who have been advanced into a false feeling of financial security. That creates an apathetic feeling toward unionism and the ways and means that brought about its success. We are losing sight of the fact that to drop our guard invites attack and disaster. This has been proven throughout the history of the world.

If all the facts were known about the upbringing and lives of our most vehement anti-union columnists we would probably find them, sons of fathers who had instilled in their young and receptive minds that there were usurpers afoot who had designs on the family fortunes. This would, of course, cause a young and prospective heir to almost swallow the silver spoon. The fact that these so-called usurpers were looking for a living wage, an opportunity to provide food, fuel and shelter for their families and more humane working conditions for themselves, was, of course, never explained. Someone once said, "Give me a young and untrained mind and I will mold it."

Our guard must be an intense interest in the affairs and direction of our own local unions, to watch the progress of our International Union, and also to acquaint ourselves with the enemies of unionism as a whole.

There have been many infamous men throughout history who have directed their minds to programs of hate. They usually choose a class of people as their target and although their reasons are narrow and psychopathic, the execution of their program is intelligently constructed. We have contemporary columnists who have chosen to live a life of hate. And where do they direct their hate? To the American working people. Of course we have to realize that there are internationally affiliated newspapers who pay these poison pen artisans for their hate; and as I said in the beginning, there is a monstrous effort afoot.

And so as some of our misdirected but well paid "anti-American working class columnists" end their columns, so shall I, with a thought for today, "We have no non-union people, but only those who are yet to be organized."

JOHN F. HORAN, P.S.

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## Scholarship Awarded in Business Manager's Name

L. U. 110, ST. PAUL, MINN.—The St.

The Electrical Workers'

Paul Area Electrical Joint Apprenticeship and Training Committee meeting of January 12, 1959 was marked by an event which points up the fine spirit of cooperation existing in the electrical construction industry in this area.

The occasion was the awarding of the first Charles R. Brett Memorial Apprenticeship Scholarship to Thomas Harrington who is presently a student at the St. Paul Vocational School in the pre-apprenticeship training program.

The Charles R. Brett Memorial Scholarship takes its name from a man whose efforts were greatly instrumental in making Local 110's apprenticeship program the fine program that it is. Brother Brett's untimely death in March of 1958 ended many years of service to Local 110 and the entire electrical industry. He was business manager of Local 110 for 15 years, a pioneer in the apprenticeship program and a member of the National Apprenticeship Committee. As President of the Minnesota IBEW State Council, he pioneered the program of university scholarships sponsored by labor.

One Charles R. Brett Memorial Apprenticeship Scholarship is to be offered annually at the discretion of the St. Paul Area Electrical J.A.C. in the amount of 40 dollars monthly for the duration of the normal school year.

The awards will be made to high school graduates on the basis of aptitude, character and financial need. The recipient must maintain a satisfactory level of academic progress to continue to qualify for the award.

The St. Paul Area Electrical JAC is composed of the following members: Brother James Curran, general supervisor (business manager, Local 110); Brother Gus E. Brissman, chairman (president, Local 110); Brother Olav Sorlie (Executive Board member, Local 110); Dan M. Gephart, assistant general supervisor (manager, Minnesota, St. Paul Chapter, NECA; Clarence Novak (NECA) and Gordon Wagoner (NECA).

Serving the committee as technical advisors are Mr. Baldwin P. Svendsen, Federal Bureau of Apprenticeship, Brother Lawrence Houska, head night school instructor and Brother George Klein, head day school instructor.

The award of this scholarship represents a forward step in Local 110's apprenticeship program and is a tribute to all who worked to bring it about.

Brother Stan Sayre, Minnesota State electrical inspector, is very obviously in a "class by himself."

Stan has, for the third consecutive time, been awarded a special citation by *Look Magazine* for "Outstanding achievement in the promotion of adequate wiring." A plaque was pre-

## Presentation Made to St. Paul Members



Thomas Harrington (left), recipient of the first Charles R. Brett Memorial Apprenticeship Scholarship, is shown accepting check from members of the St. Paul Area Electrical J.A.C.—Mr. Gordon Wagoner, Minn. (St. Paul) Chapter, NECA, and Brother Gus. Brissman, Committee Chairman (right) of Local 110, St. Paul, Minn.



Brother Stan Sayre of Local 110 (left), Minnesota State Electrical Inspector, is shown receiving the *Look Magazine* Special Citation for outstanding achievement in the Adequate Wiring endeavor for the third consecutive time from Mr. Richard P. Harmel, *Look Magazine* Merchandising Manager (right). Presentation was made at the 15th Annual National Wiring Sales Conference in New Orleans, February 26, 1959.

sented to Brother Sayre by Mr. Richard Harmel, merchandising manager of *Look Magazine* at the 15th Annual National Wiring Sales Conference at the Jung Hotel in New Orleans, Louisiana on February 26, 1959.

*Look Magazine* has again requested the use of a large scrap book compiled by Brother Sayre's 'better half.' The book was used by Stan in his promotional efforts and is made up

of pictures, news articles and advertising copy.

Stan carries his missionary activities to the point of personally writing advertising copy and then arranging for a group of contractors to run the ad and blanket an area. He has also been known to write articles plugging adequate wiring and electrical safety for the newspapers in his inspection area.

Brother Sayre's inspection territory includes the City of White Bear Lake, City of West St. Paul, City of North St. Paul and the town of White Bear. These communities have, largely through the efforts of Brother Sayre, adopted all-steel ordinances which go beyond the National Electrical Code and St. Paul and Minneapolis ordinances in adequacy requirements. In many instances, these ordinances also exceed the recommendations of the National Adequate Wiring Bureau. Particular attention has been given to the requirements for services in single and multiple occupancy dwellings with an eye to the expected increase in the use of electrical space heating in this area.

Brother Sayre has done great service for the causes of adequate wiring and electrical safety and is deserving of a pat on the back from the members of this Local Union and others engaged in the Electrical Industry.

JOHN MUELLER, P.S.

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### Business Manager Attend Area Utility Conference

L. U. 111, DENVER, COLO. — On

March 13th and 14th, Local 111 was represented at the (3) District Utility Conference for the IBEW by J. Randolph Aemmer, business manager. This conference was held in Salt Lake City, and was well attended by representatives from many utility locals in the three Districts. Mr. Aemmer returned with much worthwhile information, which should be helpful to us in our coming negotiations with the Public Service Company.

At this writing there is still no answer to the arbitration case concerning Mutual Aid dues. To us this delay seems inexcusable, and we deplore the lack of consideration shown by the third arbitrator. It is not the fault of the company or the union—or our arbitrators. When a decision is finally rendered, we wonder if there will be a comparable delay in presentation of the arbitrator's bill. The hearing on the arbitration was held on December 2nd, 1958.

With the beginning of negotiations with the Public Service Company in April, we can expect a better turnout at our Public Service unit meetings. It is regrettable that attendance falls so low at these unit meetings during the rest of the year. Remember—

### Mark Golden Jubilee of Brother Erickson



Presentation of 50-year pin by Business Manager Harvey of Local 124, Kansas City, Mo., to Brother Art Erickson at his home March 18, 1959. Reading from left to right: Lawrence Riley, Jerry Magelssen, Business Manager Harvey, Brother Art Erickson, Art Carr and Secretary Roy Smiley. Brother Riley, who is a retired member, is the caretaker at Local 124's Country Club and Brother Carr is also retired.



The new ponies at Local 124's Country Club, reading left to right: Baby Trigger, Cocoa, Champ, Jingles, Skip and Diablo. At right, they graze in the broad pasture.

local union business goes on here the year around. It is YOUR Local Union—we would like YOUR opinion as to how its affairs should be conducted. This goes for ALL SIXTEEN units. Let us know your thoughts. We can do a better job FOR YOU if we know what YOU want!

On March 11th, our Credit Union was one year old. At the end of one year of operation, we had 280 members, with total savings of nearly \$17,000.00. Let us hope we can continue to grow at this rate, if not faster. This is not a bad record for just one year of operation.

The System Council had election of officers during the month of February. They are as follows: Chairman Elmer Jones, Vice Chairman Donald Winkleblack, Secretary J. Randolph Aemmer. Plans were laid for the coming negotiations. Negotiating Committee consists of J. R. Aemmer, L. U. 111, Herman Mahnke, L. U. 925 and Wayne Ross, L. U. 1436.

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We are now in negotiations with Public Service Company of Colorado. Judging from the lack of progress so far, it will again be a long hard struggle to make any improvements in our agreement. All of our members employed at Public Service Company should attend their unit meetings to keep informed as to progress of the negotiations.

During the month of June our elections will be held. Unit officers will be elected at each unit meeting, and local union officers will be elected by mail ballot. All terms are for two years. We hope that our new officers will undertake their duties with seriousness and make a conscientious effort to perform them properly. A chain is only as strong as its weakest link.

As this is being written, the United States Senate has just passed the controversial labor reform bill. It is significant to note that the Senate vote was 90 to 1—the lone dissenting vote was cast by labor's notorious enemy, Senator Barry Goldwater of Arizona. His reason for voting against the bill was that it did not



## *Complete Education Courses in Portland*



The following are the members of Local 125, Portland, Ore., shown after receiving the Certificate of Completion of the Educational Class: Earl E. Baumgarner; Charles H. Bonar; Clarence F. Bueller; Robert Burt; M. J. Carter; W. B. Corley; Joseph W. Daniels; William L. Deal; James G. Ewan; Arnold F. Finseth; Leo Firm; Merrill L. Galvin; Norman R. Gouge; Roland O. Kitching; Fred W. Lauenstein; Charles A. Lindsay; Leo A. Miner; Steven G. Minow; Russell R. Norquist; Lloyd E. Palmer; Chad O. Paterson; John A. Ray; Donald E. Reese; David Robertson; Alton H. Storlie; William N. Taylor; James M. Thomas; B. W. Vermiere; Clifford R. Vest; E. W. Wilson, and J. I. Youngbluth.

correct conditions exposed by the McClellan committee. However, Senator McClellan himself voted for the bill. We wonder if perhaps Goldwater's real reason for voting against the bill was that it will not break unions. It should be noted here that in the earlier skirmishes over the reform bill, the tie-breaking vote for the anti-union amendments was cast by Vice President Nixon.

Putting labor unions out of business is not the answer to cleaning up the labor movement. It would be a very simple and direct way, that is sure, but it would leave the working man completely at the mercy of the employer. It seems as though Goldwater and Nixon are not as much interested in the protection of the union members as they are in the protection of the employer from all union activity.

JIM KELSO, Ass't B.M.

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### **Local 124 Feels Worst Unemployment in 20 Years**

L. U. 124, KANSAS CITY, MO. — I actually don't know how to start my news item for the JOURNAL and express my apology for being negligent in not having a column in the last three issues. It certainly is not because I haven't had plenty of time, because Local Union 124 has been affected by unemployment for the past six months. The fact of the matter is we have had more unemployment in the past six months than at any period in the last 20 years. However, Business Manager Harvey has been very successful in placing many of our members in other localities, and I wish to take this opportunity, in his behalf, to express our sin-



E. W. Harvey, President of Local 125, presenting the Certificate of Completion to Willis B. Corley.

cere thanks and appreciation to those local unions who have been considerate enough to place some of our men who would have normally been unemployed. At this writing, practically everyone is employed with the exception of a few who are still out of town, and we hope by the middle of May that our employment factor will be such that all of our members will be home.

Our publication "The Electrogram" is a medium by which we inform our members of current events, so any item we might write of interest to other members of our International would only be repetition of the news items we previously quoted in our monthly publication.

We say with extreme pride that our coordinator of the Joint Apprenticeship and Training Committee, and president of our local, Joseph E. Morasch, is doing a remarkable job in sponsoring classes in Welding, Electronics, Refrigeration and Con-

trols, as well as Public Speaking and Human Relations Courses. Incidentally, we are unable to accommodate the great number who wish to enter some of these classes.

We have 141 apprentices who are attending day-time schooling, and they are paid their full salary, through contractual agreements. We are very proud of them, and our instructors Lem W. Matteson and Paul Hermann, who are dedicated to the teaching profession and well respected by the students.

During the period of this temporary recession, the employers became competitive conscious and as a result entered into agreements with some of our members to deviate from quality installations and a complete ignorance of the minimum standards of the National Electrical Code, using that age-old adage "I am bidding the job cheap so that I can keep you employed during this period, Mr. Electrician." As a result of the union's detection

of this, Business Manager Harvey placed Gerald Magelssen, secretary of the Executive Board, in a position as field supervisor, with duties to counsel with our members on the respective jobs and to see that all installations are commensurate with the standards you would expect of qualified mechanics. The members seem to be very gratified that such a program has been instituted. The business manager assured all members they will not be discharged for insisting upon a quality installation and secondly, that all installations must conform to the National Electrical Code.

Brother Art Erickson was presented his 50-year pin by Business Manager Harvey at his home in the presence of his wife and many of his friends. Art has been ill for sometime and was unable to attend the meeting to receive this pin. It was a heart-warming affair, particularly when Art expressed his most sincere appreciation for the privilege that had been bestowed upon him 50 years ago by Local Union 124, when he became a member. His expression should be an inspiration to all members of the trade union movement, who in some instances, are of the opinion that the trade union philosophy is not too important.

Your press photographer visited

Local 124's Country Club and found that preparatory to our opening April 15, the children's rides have been freshly painted, the wading pool has been re-painted, the swimming pool is ready and waiting for warm weather, the landscaping is more beautiful than ever, and last but not least, the new pony track is all ready, the pony barn is built, and the ponies: Diablo, Jingles, Skip, Champ and Cocoa with her little baby, Trigger, are just waiting for the children. (See pictures enclosed) New saddles have been purchased, and it should be quite a thrill for the little kiddies this year. Incidentally, former Business Manager Mont Silvey, who has been retired for many years, is lending the club two ponies to add to our corral.

We wish to extend our sympathy to the families of the following members, who have passed away since January 1, 1959: James G. Thomas, January 24, 1959; H. P. Bradley, February 16, 1959; J. G. Ragan, February 23, 1959; R. R. Rigsby, February 24, 1959; C. O. Thomas, March 15, 1959; G. F. Haskell, February 6, 1959; R. S. Collins, March 17, 1959; and H. A. Jackson, April 3, 1959.

WILBUR OTTO, P.S.

### Public Relations by Portland Local



W. L. Vinson (standing at right), business manager of Local 125, looks on as Ernest Baker, president of Oregon Labor, Inc., signs a contract for 2500 square feet of exhibit space at the Oregon Centennial Exhibition this summer. An all-labor, non-profit corporation, Oregon Labor, Inc. exists solely to promote a "positive public relations" labor exhibit at the exhibition. Vinson is the IBEW representative and a director of the corporation. Officers are (seated from left): Walter Lofgren (Culinary Alliance), vice president; Baker (Longshoremen), president; Ralph Davidson (Railroad Trainmen), secretary-treasurer. Standing next to Vinson is Herman Teerle (Cooks) and E. B. Weber (Carpenters), directors.

### Last Charter Member of Portland Local Passes

L. U. 125, PORTLAND, ORE.—Along with the new sprouts on the rose bushes, State Labor Statistics tell us that unemployment is decreasing and that conditions are picking up. The electric utility industry is reflecting this improvement with most companies experiencing increased kilowatt-hour output. New records have been established. However, this improvement has not reflected, as yet, on utility labor. Employment was curtailed during the fall and winter and we have far too many men on the books who are seeking work.

An era in our local union came to a close when the last of our charter members, Brother W. N. (Pat) Powers passed away on Christmas Eve. Seventy-seven year old Brother Pat had enjoyed retirement for 12 years following 39 years of faithful employment with the Portland General Electric Company as an Electrician.

Our fair State of Oregon became a centenarian on the 14th day of February. In recognition of this eventful occasion of our civic life continued celebration is planned throughout the spring and summer with a Centennial Exposition and an International Trade Fair serving as the main features of attraction. Organized labor will participate in these activities and demonstrate to the public her acceptance of community responsibility. Our Business Manager W. L. Vinson is taking an active part in the development of these activities by serving as a director of "Oregon Labor Inc." an all labor non-profit corporation established solely to promote a positive public relations labor exhibit. We extend a sincere invitation to all of you to visit our evergreen state this summer.

For some time past we have discussed and re-discussed the matter of making an educational course or courses of some type available to our membership. Always there has been more talk than action. The opportune time arrived recently and this procedure was happily reversed by the energetic efforts of a newly appointed Educational Committee composed of Brothers D. N. Morey, R. J. Brown, W. C. Miller, L. Miner, J. Marshall, W. Corley, R. Tucker, W. Connelly, and J. Dodge. A trial course in the ramifications of blue prints was instituted in the late fall. The response was so enthusiastically received that the course is being repeated for the benefit of new groups and in addition an advanced course of blue print studies was established.

We are deeply elated over the success of this venture and are confident that it will become a permanent activity. Our sincere thanks and appreciation is extended to Chairman

## *Graduate in New Orleans Ceremonies*



Local 130's apprentice graduates of 1958 at the Completion Ceremonies of New Orleans Electrical Joint Apprenticeship Committee. First row, left to right: Numa E. Thomas, Jr.; Alfred B. Collins, Jr.; Edward F. Otis; George A. Miller; Edward Connelly; Joseph S. Otis; John P. McMenamin. Second row: Charles J. Melancon; Frank J. Desroche; "Bill" Damon, director, National Joint Apprenticeship Committee; Carl D. Budenski; Richard E. Schriesser. Third row: Joseph T. Caire; Dominick S. Saladino; Louis H. Bernard. Graduates Emile J. Abadie; George W. Boitman; Raymond G. Murray; Angelo V. Stanich, and Carl Uchello were not present when picture was taken.

Morey and his committee for their efforts in converting talk to action.

One of our members recently came face to face with a sad situation when he learned that he was ineligible for union pension at this time due to a conflict regarding his date of birth. A discrepancy of several years at this late date can be most disrupting. In administering the Pension Fund, the International Office has decreed certain minimum requirements necessary to qualify for receipt of the pension. Each individual member must assume the responsibility of meeting these requirements and check his eligibility prior to that anticipated date of retirement and thus avoid a most discouraging situation.

FLOYD D. PARKER, P.S.

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### **Small Electrical Jobs Could Mean Jobs for All**

L. U. 129, LORAIN, OHIO — We had our regular April Monday night meeting with a fine attendance.

A report was given on the Ohio Business Managers' meeting at Columbus on the addendum. It is a big problem as to the proper way to administer the many questions involved.

We have had a very poor winter's work, having as many as 80 unemployed at one time. At present we have 15 on the bench and that is not good.

We have altogether too many jobs going non-union in this area such as house wiring and many other smaller electrical jobs. Some of this work is being done by members of the IBEW,

and other unions at nights and Saturdays and Sundays. In my opinion, had all this work throughout the county been done under union conditions, our work picture at Local 129 would have been considerably changed. I think it is high time something was done to change this situation.

I am sorry to have to report another death in our midst. Reginald T. Field, age 49, died suddenly in Genoa, Italy. He had risen to the top of the ladder in the electrical construction business. Employed eight years by Patterson, Emerson and Comstock of Pittsburgh, steel mill engineers and builders, Mike had been in Genoa for the past two years working as assistant general supervisor on an expansion program the company had been doing for the Corrigan Works. Mike is greatly missed by his friends and relatives of Lorain.

I will remind you of the election

coming up. Let's all get out and vote, and may the best man win!

BILL CRANDALL, P.S.

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### **Damon Speaks at Third New Orleans Graduation**

L. U. 130, NEW ORLEANS, LA. — The third annual completion ceremonies of the New Orleans Electrical Joint Apprenticeship Committee were held December 4, 1958, in the "Green Room," of the Jung Hotel and were enjoyed by all who attended.

Principal speaker at the graduation ceremonies was "Bill" Damon, Washington, D. C., Director of the National Joint Apprenticeship and Training Committee for the Electrical Industry.

Other speakers addressing the assembly of graduates and guests were: Lloyd T. Garcia, business manager of IBEW Local 130; Edward Boettner, Jr. state supervisor, United States Department of Labor, Bureau of Apprenticeship and Training; Robert I. Conran, director of the Apprenticeship Division, State Department of Labor; Ray E. Putark, executive director of the Construction Industry Association of New Orleans; Sidney J. Caldwell, commissioner of labor, State Department of Labor; Wes Holst, International Representative of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers; George Landwehr, president of IBEW Local 130; Michael Elgutter, manager of the South Louisiana Chapter, National Electrical Contractors Association, and E. A. Lee, Trade Extension Training Coordinator, State Department of Education.

### **Retiree Honored**



Local 141, Wheeling, W. Va., honors a retiring member. Business Manager Howard Cornish, left, presents a diamond ring to Brother William Armbrust, who was initiated in 1913.

Frank Prattini, NECA Chairman of the local Joint Apprenticeship Committee, was master of ceremonies.

Certificates of Completion of Apprenticeship were issued by "Bill" Damon, director of the National Joint Apprenticeship and Training Committee for the Electrical Industry, and Robert I. Conran, director of the Apprenticeship Division, State Department of Labor.

Local 130's apprentice graduates were: Emile J. Abadie; George W. Boitman; Carl D. Budenski; Joseph T. Caire, outstanding apprentice; Alfred B. Collins, Jr.; Edward Connelly, Frank J. Desroche; John P. McMenamin; George A. Miller, Jr.; Raymond G. Murray; Edward F. Otis; Joseph S. Otis; Richard E. Schrieffer; Angelo V. Stanich, Jr.; Numa E. Thomas, Jr.; Carl Uchello; Charles J. Melancon; Dominick S. Saladino, and Louis H. Bernard.

GONZALO A. ORMOND, JR.

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## Harrisburg Local Moves Into New Headquarters

L. U. 143, HARRISBURG, PA.—Even though some of the Brothers think I possibly have died (and some wish I had) I have not, but have been too busy to take the time to drop a few lines regarding Local 143. We are in our new office which has met with the approval of the members as you can get a parking space without taking a "Cook's Tour" finding one. Brother Allerman, the business agent is on the job not only in the office but wherever he is needed and doing a good job.

Brother "Dutch" Gerbig is now on the retired list and taking things easy for a change.

The apprentice committee lost a good man when Brother John Crum resigned as he took a job at the new Blue Shield building and it was a little more than he could handle and still do the good job he was doing. It is too bad these young men get old so quick!

There is one thing in Local 143 that started for a few weeks and then came to a halt, and that was the local "Labor News" published each week. Even though there was not much in it about our own local there was labor news in it. That is what is needed in labor circles as that paper went into homes where it was read by children who should know labor's side of the story and not just what the average newspaper prints. So let's get that paper coming again.

By the time this goes to press we will have gotten a 12½ cent raise. (Our rate is now 3.50 per hour.)

This is part of the two-year agreement which was signed last May. It is hoped that the next agreement that is signed will not relinquish any of

## 5th ANNUAL REUNION SUBMARINE VETERANS OF WORLD WAR II

THE TIME: August 13, 14, 15 and 16

THE PLACE: Brown's Palace Hotel Denver, Colorado

This announcement comes to the JOURNAL by way of Business Manager Michael J. Kennedy of Local 134, who received a letter concerning the submarine group from Ernst T. Rosing, a member both of Local 134 and of the Submarine Veterans.

Brother Rosing asks, "Is there any possible means of getting word out to the membership . . . to locate all submarine veterans of World War II who belong to the IBEW to notify them of our organization as well as to advise them of our next annual reunion . . .?"

He continues—"We have several members already, and know there must be many more who have just not heard about it as yet.

"We carried six to eight Electricians on each of over 300 subs, so we should have a good number of the boys in the IBEW," Brother Rosing points out.

Brother Rosing's address is:

1409 S. East Avenue  
Berwyn, Illinois

Good luck and good reunion to all you Submarine Veterans of World War II!

the benefits that we now have and some of the things we lost can be gotten back. One of the things that will stand some thought is the "paid vacation" which we don't have, also sick and unemployment clause. All these are things that would help. We are happy to report that all the Brothers of 143 are working and we surely hope things keep going. There is some new work coming out that will help out for next winter, we believe.

Your scribe has the Pennsylvania State Police Training School job which will be a show place as everything is going into it to make Pennsylvania have the best in the country.

Hope that Brother Hen Whitmer has gotten over his trip to Florida as I received a card from him and never knew that you could say so much on a postal card.

Well I hope that this will answer some of the Brothers' requests and I will try and get back on the job again next month.

CHARLES D. NIXON, P.S.

## Apprentices Take Tour Of Cedar Rapids Plant

L. U. 145, ROCK ISLAND, ILL.—On April 8th, 31 apprentices of Local Union No. 145 were treated to a guided inspection tour of the Square D Manufacturing Company, Cedar Rapids, Iowa. The 75-mile bus trip was sponsored jointly by the Square D Company, the Quad-City Electrical Contractors' Association, two local electrical supply firms and Local Union No. 145. Accompanying the group were Local Union President Warren Duffin, Assistant Business Manager, Carl Riecke, and Brother Rex Sylvester, who is in charge of the apprentice training program here.

The bright new Cedar Rapids plant is engaged in the manufacture primarily of low amperage breakers, although one section is given over to the fabrication of custom-made industrial power distribution panels and cabinets. The plant also encloses a complete testing laboratory and a sales and distribution center.

The apprentices noted that the trend toward automation is very evident with many of the intricate processes being done by completely automatic machines. The breakers are even calibrated by machine. The tedious assembly tasks are handled by women.

The highlight of the evening came after a break for coffee and rolls in the plant's attractive cafeteria. An interesting demonstration of the circuit breaking characteristics of fuses and breakers was presented despite a little equipment difficulty. Each apprentice was then given a transparent enclosed breaker as a souvenir of the trip. In a drawing, apprentice wireman, Gale "Sonny" Reed, was awarded a voltage tester as a door prize.

Brother Sylvester has been very active in arranging field trips for his two apprentice classes as well as demonstrations and classes for journeymen. Notable field trips this year have been to the transmission facilities of the local TV station and to the new power plant at the State Hospital, East Moline, Illinois.

CLARK HOLMES, P.S.

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## Peoria Fills Job Gaps For Decatur Membership

L. U. 146, DECATUR, ILL.—Members of Local 146 are beginning to snap at my heels and by the time this gets into print they will probably have skinned me alive for not getting any articles in the last two Journals. Honestly, fellows, it is really hard to ferret out all the low-down on local affairs when you are working

over 100 miles from home, and have been for the past seven months.

I have been up here in Peoria since last October 20th working for Hatfield Electric on the new Caterpillar plant near Mossville, north of Peoria. Since there is considerably more work in this area than around Decatur at the present time, I consider myself fortunate to be allowed to work in Local 34's jurisdiction.

Other Decatur men employed in Peoria at present include: Burton Ranney (our esteemed vice president), Kenneth Gordon, Lyman Davis, Herb Willis, Lamar "Minnie Pearl" Purvis, Stewart Mercer, Clyde Odle, Jim Welton, "Bud" Swan, Bob Morenz, Floyd Snyder and Oscar Saltzman. We understand that Don Harris is also in neighboring Washington. Homer Cary is in Pekin on the new powerhouse job.

Kenneth "Jeep" Ziemer, who worked on the "Cat" job up here for a while, and Jim Butts have gone to work for Pittsburgh Plate Glass in Decatur as maintenance electricians. Good luck to you both in your new venture, boys, but be sure and hang on to that IBEW ticket. One never knows what the future will bring, and conditions might require that you return to the construction field. It happened to me.

Fred Bascom and wife took a wonderful trip this January, returning some time in March. They visited a son in Oakland, California and returned by way of Florida. At Fort Myers, Florida, they visited with Dan Krigbaum, retired Decatur electrician. Brother Bascom said that Dan is looking and feeling fine. Greetings and good wishes, Dan, in case you should happen to read this! Remember the cold winter you and I spent wiring

Longbon's Sheet Metal warehouse, and how you thawed out around Roy Christy's pot-bellied stove in the adjoining warehouse? Forget it, Dan, and go back out and soak up lots of that Florida sunshine, especially some for me!

Ed White reports that his wife is at home again after a very expensive trip to the hospital. We hope by the time this appears, she will have completely recovered. Ed has had to be cook, nurse, wash-lady and general utility man.

Word has come by way of the grapevine that our bowlers are doing quite well, but when I asked for pictures to prove it, they were not forthcoming. So, I will just have to take their word for same, as I am not a bowler, and haven't been able to see them in action. We hope to have some pictures for a later edition.

The Credit Union of Local 146 is doing quite well for a fact, especially since it is only a year old, and has done nearly \$25,000 worth of business. The board of directors and Robert Ahlrich, our treasurer, in particular, deserve a big hand for a job well done in organizing so effectively such a big undertaking. A large portion of the credit is due to the masterful supervision of Jim Armstrong, the representative from the Central Illinois Chapter Credit Union, who was instrumental in organizing our first few meetings. We can't thank you enough Jim, for the big shove you gave us!

Leo Mull was also reported as having suffered a heart attack, but is recovering and will return home soon. Leland Binkley was reported as being in the hospital in Taylorsville. Brothers Toni Daniels, Ed White and Carl Brookshier have had their wives in

the hospital. Among those having a visit from the stork recently were: the Bob Storms, the Kenneth Gordons, the Richard Becks, the Eddie Moores, the Gerald Burris, and the Carl Moyers. Congratulations and best wishes to all you happy parents! Al Wayne is scheduled to go to the hospital for a hernia operation on Monday, April 20th. Best of luck and a speedy recovery, Al.

I hope to be able to see all the members and their families at this year's annual union picnic (if we have one) as I was unable to attend last year's on account of a death in the family. Send in snapshots and any news you want included in the next article. Address — Bob Wayne, No. 1 Fairview Place, Decatur, Illinois.

BOB WAYNE, P.S.

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## Utica's Old-Timers Enjoy Dinner Dance

L. U. 181, UTICA, N. Y. — January 24th was "Old-Timers' Night" for Local 181, and 400 members and guests turned out for a gala evening. International Representative John Weigelt presented badges of honor totaling over 1,200 years of service to our IBEW veterans. Also on the dais were Jerry Winterhalt, International Representative, Business Manager Charles Pillard of Buffalo, Joe Sommers of Rochester, Harold Thorpe of Oswego, Ralph Halloran of Elmira, William Butler of Syracuse, Bill Osborne of Auburn, Ed Liggett of Schenectady, and our own Business Manager Bill McBride. President Les Meeker handled the "mike" like a journeyman.

Completing the V.I.P. list were

## Field Trip by Rock Island Apprentices



Posing before their chartered bus, are the apprentices and officers of Local 145, Rock Island, Ill., who recently traveled to Cedar Rapids, Ia., to tour the Square D Manufacturing Co.

## Lectures Update Cincinnati Members' Skills



For one of a series of eight lectures, this was the turn-out of journeymen of Local 212, Cincinnati, Ohio. The series is sponsored by the local and attempts to keep the members abreast of the fast-changing electrical construction field.

William Ely, chapter manager of NECA, and Carl Shaad, state superintendent of the New York State Board of Fire Underwriters. Their presence exemplified our pleasant association with their respective organizations. A cocktail hour preceded the dinner, and entertainment and dancing followed. And if the good Lord is willing we will do it again next year.

Regarding conditions in general, it has been a tough winter for construction. Good weather will bring more work, we hope. Last summer we were able to employ members of our neighboring locals. We enjoyed having them with us.

Our Apprentice Committee is doing yeoman work. As a result we have a smooth-running program, and well-informed apprentices. We also have journeyman electronic courses meeting weekly, both basic and advanced classes.

We are currently negotiating for a new, and better, working agreement. We have had a member-sponsored welfare plan in effect for two years now, and the results have been very gratifying. We will close with a wish that 1959 be another good year for our IBEW in general, and all our members in particular.

JACK MALONEY, P.S.

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### Eighty-Four Enroll in Lectures for Journeymen

L. U. 212, CINCINNATI, OHIO — Cincinnati's Electrical Journeymen, of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, Local 212, known for their skill and competence from coast to coast, are turning back to the school hall to make doubly sure of their pace setting with the fast-moving and continuously technically-transforming electrical construction industry. For a series of eight lectures for journeymen, on the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month, sponsored by IBEW Local 212 here, and given in the halls of the Ohio Mechanics Institute (OMI), 84 journeymen have enrolled, represent-

ing a proportionately larger percentage of attendance than at regular union meetings. Ray Hauck, executive committeeman of the Joint Apprenticeship and Training Committee of the IBEW and NECA, has made this report. The photo enclosed, shows the turnout of IBEW journeymen for the lecture of February 11. The attendance is holding up, as expected.

The time for new agreement negotiations is at hand, and in addition to a pay rate raise, we are again trying for a vacation with pay. We've been refused a vacation for the past three years, so in the face of being charged with negative thoughts in expecting another refusal, I am asking all locals that enjoy a vacation with pay, and are disposed to let us in on your strategy and plan in obtaining same, to write directly to this press secretary. Here is a "thank you" in advance for your courtesy and information.

Our annual dance held in the Hall of Mirrors and the Pavilion Caprice of the Netherland Hilton Hotel was a huge success. The floor show was exceptionally entertaining and was well received. Both orchestras were "the best," and dancing was easy, as evidenced by the overflow of dancers participating.

E. W. HAGGARD, P.S.

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### Amicable Agreement Wins 25c Wage Boost for 231

L. U. 231, SIOUX CITY, IA.—Well, one thing we KNOW is of interest to all members of L. U. 231 is the raise of 25 cents per hour, in effect on April 1st. We are proud to say that, as usual, this was the result of amicable agreement between the contractors and the local. There are many such agreements and only the problem situations are publicized.

L. U. 231 voted a share in providing tickets for handicapped children to attend the Annual Shrine Circus in Sioux City this spring. L. U. 231 also took action to write our legislators in Washington, asking them to

support bills pertaining to Federal unemployment compensation, which would mean much to Iowa unemployed. Speaking of legislative action, the Iowa Senate passed a bill in March, giving to cities and towns the right to license Electricians and electrical contractors. This is permissive legislation, as many towns have long been doing this but it legalizes their action and will support any other town wishing to do so. It does act for the protection of the public.

The local branch of the Adequate Wiring Bureau recently held its annual meeting, featuring, as speaker, Miss Frances Arvin of New York, director of promotion and education for the National Wiring Bureau. A number of our members attended.

Another meeting attended by some members of L. U. 231, was an evening school regarding home electric heating. This was not only interesting but enlightening.

L. U. 231 received its annual report from the Certified Public Accountant for the year 1958, who complimented our local office on its accuracy and system in keeping records. We are proud and we congratulate our Business Manager, Tom Dugan, and his secretary, "Tommie" Thompson.

Brother Tom Dugan, Business Manager, has succeeded in placing one of our members on the Missouri River dredge, owned by Western Contracting Company. More Electricians will be used there when spring activity opens up.

Through the efforts of Brother Dugan, the power house job at Spencer, Iowa, is progressing satisfactorily and busy as Tom is, he finds a way to attend important meetings, which will include a Regional COPE meeting at Cedar Rapids April 15th.

The Joint Apprenticeship Committee is holding meetings, with a view to adding to the apprenticeship program. Very much aware of the lack of trained Electricians, steps are being taken to provide more for L. U. 231. Recently indentured were Pat Corrigan to Power Engineering Company and Joe Norton to Electric Engineering Company.

Although just at this date some of our members are "on the bench," prospects look good and we don't expect this spring slump to be as prolonged as it sometimes has been in other years.

Speaking, as we were at the beginning of this letter, of the raise in wages, we might comment on one regrettable situation—that while every member is happy and willing to accept the wages built up through the efforts of others, many are not willing to do their share in their organization. There are often complaints, too, about the amount of dues required—yet these same complainants do not stop to realize they would not have the income were it not for the union. These dues are a very small amount to pay in order to earn a decent living. Also, if you are active in your union you realize what it accomplishes and that dues are needed to do the work necessary to keep up these standards. Stop to think about this if you ever gripe about your dues.

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As stated in our letter above L. U. 231 has been having some apprenticeship activity, with Brother Jesse Johnson initiated a member and Joe Norton apprenticed to Electric Engineering Company of Sioux City. Then on April 8th, the Apprenticeship Committee, consisting of George Deyo, chairman (Electric Engineering), Leo Murphy (Power Engineering) and Cal Nyreen (Nystrom Electric) representing the employers, and Pat McGinnis, chairman (Nystrom Electric) and Royle Claussen (Casler Electric) representing L. U. 231, entertained at a dinner for Brothers Gail Grimsley (Electric Engineering) and Sid Nyreen (Nystrom Electric) both recently graduated. They were presented with completion certificates. Brother Tom Dugan, business manager of L. U. 231 was a guest. Brother Tim Murray, president of L. U. 231 and member of the Apprenticeship Committee, was unable to attend.

Brother Gail Grimsley, who graduated to journeyman in March, was named steward at Electric Engineering Company. This is a signal honor for this young man and a tribute to the integrity, fairness and loyalty he has shown in the past, both to his employer and his union.

L. U. 231, through the Iowa State Building Trades Council, is taking part in a campaign against Iowa's so-called "Right-to-Work" law, by buying pencils for re-sale, to provide funds for use in Iowa.

The Iowa State Building Trades Council is meeting at the Hotel Sheraton-Martin in Sioux City on May 23rd and 24th. Delegates to that convention are: Brothers Marvin Behrens, Tom Dugan and Fred Hadley.

The Quarterly Auditing Committee of L. U. 231, consisting of Brothers Ed Wiltgen, Pat McGinnis and Les Miller, was named by Brother Tim Murray, president. They are working and will have a report ready soon.

L. U. 231 voted, at its April regular meeting, to appeal to the two Congressmen and one Representative of our state and district regarding support of S-57 (without weakening amendments). This is the proposed Housing Act of 1959, dealing with housing slum clearance and urban renewal. It is one of the most important bills of this session, had already been passed by the Senate and reported to the House Banking and Currency Committee. This matter is important to all organized labor and especially to the building trades. We hope many expressed themselves. Individual members, as well as interested organizations, should watch current legislation and do all they can

to let their state and district lawmakers know their opinions. Organized labor can play a large part.

FRED HADLEY, P.S.

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## Toledo Local Supports Strike in Columbus

L. U. 245, TOLEDO, OHIO—Members and officers of Local 245, Toledo, Ohio have given both moral and financial support to Locals 837 and 1466 in their strike against the Columbus and Southern Power Company. Our officers have attended and spoken at various meetings in Columbus and have taken members of our local to help man the picket lines. Our stewards took up a voluntary collection throughout the local and a goodly amount was sent to the Columbus locals. Carl Yenrick reports that the Ohio State Utility Board and IBEW locals throughout

### Two Welcomed to Journeymen Ranks



Two apprentices received their completion certificates at ceremonies in April sponsored by Local 231, Sioux City, Iowa. From left to right: George Deyo, chairman of the employers; Brothers Sid Nyreen and Gail Grimsley, graduates, and Pat McGinnis, representing Local 231.



Five of the six members of the Apprenticeship Committee are seen from left: Leo Murphy, Cal Nyreen and Chairman George Deyo, representing the employers; Pat McGinnis and Royle Claussen, representing Local 231. Brother Tim Murray, the local's president and committee member, was unable to be present at the ceremonies.

the state have come to the support of 837 and 1466.

Business Manager Thomas reports that the International's Utility Conference in Chattanooga, Tennessee was interesting and he was glad that he could attend. Perhaps this meeting will be covered elsewhere in the JOURNAL so we will say no more here.

President Gunselman again reports that the job study conducted with the Toledo Edison Company since last July is almost ready for presentation to the membership. It seems that we said this before but Jim says a few last minute snags developed and caused some further delays.

Glen Reese, chairman of the Negotiating Committee reports that they have almost completed their preparations for the coming negotiations with the Toledo Edison Company. Assisting Chairman Reese will be the local's officers and committee members, George Danko, James Trumbull, John Schings and Kenneth Belke.

Brother Jim George is arranging the annual Officers and Stewards Appreciation Banquet to be held April 4th. More later.

The following Brothers were recently added to our International Pension roll: Clayton Felley, Carl Mehring and Delbert Reed. Congratulations.

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We mentioned in our previous letter the strike between Locals 837 and 1466 and the Columbus and Southern Power Co. We are glad to hear it is over. We congratulate the members of the two locals on their firmness of purpose and hope that the aid we were able to supply was a help in their efforts.

Local 245's annual Stewards and Officers Appreciation Banquet was held in Annotto's Restaurant on April 4th. Attending were the stewards and officers, office staff, our advisory staff, International Representative Frank Adams, and accompanying wives or husbands. Our advisory staff attending were Dr. Donald Jones, Dr. Frank Miles, Attorney Jack Gallon, James Richard, Chester Baker, and Victor

Ulman of the Burr Agency, and Miss Pat Finn our statistician.

The banquet was preceded by an enjoyable cocktail hour. International Representative Adams gave the principal address in which he noted 245's progress since he has been associated with us. The evening was concluded with a skit presented by the wives of some of the officers and demonstrated their conception of what goes on at a union meeting. Participating in the skit were Mesdames Thomas, Gunselman, Yenrick, Hildebrant, George, Lenz, Reese, and Richards. We certainly trust that the ladies were only kidding. An enjoyable evening was had by all and Jim George and his committee are to be congratulated. We are enclosing several pictures taken that evening.

Brother Walter Best has been appointed to replace Brother Norman Stafford on the Executive Board. Brother Stafford has resigned to take foreman training. We congratulate both Brothers.

Brother Glen Reese reports that negotiations with the Toledo Edison Company have started and that the committee will be very busy for some time to come.

Business Managers Thomas and Yenrick attended the Ohio State Utility Board meeting in Chillicothe, Ohio on April 18-19th. They report an interesting meeting with aspects of the Columbus strike coming in for considerable discussion.

In addition to his many other activities Brother Thomas recently served as labor member on a Labor-Management-Citizens panel which participated in negotiations between the local dairies and the Teamsters Union.

Brother Yenrick reports that outside construction work in the area is still rather slow.

This month Brothers Howard Lewis, Edward Rice, John Spode, Charles Beazell, Harold Keefe, Herbert Ross, Clive Hall and Leo Strickfaden are to begin enjoying the benefits of our IBEW pension. Congratulations.

Recent deaths in the local were Brother Joseph Brier, a retired Brother and Brother John Remson. May they rest in peace.

PAUL SCHIEVER, P.S.

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## Work Provided Travelers At Ann Arbor Local 252

L. U. 252, ANN ARBOR, MICH.—Old timers make it!

This may not be the right kind of a head line but this time a couple of our older members are in the pictures. Some of the Brothers will not remember or know this one party, Ray Perkins. The other person is none other than Eddie Hines.

Eddie is shown with his wife and sister-in-law and a couple of nieces. Of course the picture that shows him and Ray with the golf bags was taken a long time ago in Canada, so Charley Doc, tells me. You guys must have had a real party—that is playing golf! Then you see Ray as he is today at his place down in St. Petersburg, Florida. Yes, Ray we all hope and wish you fellows the best of health and happiness. I know that I for one will stop in and see you if we can get down there.

Things have been going along fairly well for most of the local Brothers. Work has been good enough so that we have had some travelers in for awhile. I suppose by the time this article is out that the Fisher and Chevrolet jobs will be just about finished. We sure were lucky in having those jobs.

The pill plant (Parke Davis) is really taking shape. That also has been a life saver for us.

The new schools are rolling right along. Some are to be ready for fall terms.

I haven't much to say this time so I hope you have the best of luck fishing this summer and I'll see you later.

JOE EXELBY, P.S.

## Appreciation Banquet for Toledo Officers



At the annual Stewards' and Officers' Appreciation Banquet of Local 245, Toledo, Ohio, President Gunselman addressed the guests, at left. In the center, Business Manager Thomas introduces International Representative Adams. And at right is the Advisory Staff: Dr. Donald Jones; Miss Pat Finn; Representative Adams; Dr. Frank Miles, and Victor Ulman of the Burr Agency.

## Employment Depends on General Dynamics Contracts

L. U. 261, GROTON, CONN.—From the "Submarine Capital of the World," on the shores of the Thames, L. U. 261 wishes to report through the pages of the JOURNAL.

Our work at the present time is holding fairly well with talks of some layoffs in the offing unless General Dynamics is able to secure more contracts very soon. Time alone will tell the story. In my last article, I promised some pictures of the world's largest submarine yet built, the mighty "Triton" launched at the building yards at the South Yards of Electric Boat.

(The information and pictures of the Triton are being held for a feature to be published in our next issue.)

We had our annual dinner dance February 14th at the Mohican Hotel roof and it was a sell out and the largest gathering in recent years. All enjoyed themselves at a gracious dinner and later enjoyed the dancing until the wee hours of the morning.

We had as our invited guests, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Kenefick and Mr. Barney Gilbride, business manager of Local 90 of New Haven. As usual, our genial Pat Franciosi was banquet chairman and was assisted by Fred Rogers, Les Glynn, Tony Franco, Ted Angell, Stan Moskel, Harry Dowsett and our President Frank Bongaret. They all did a grand job and once again we await this gala event next year. By the way I'd like to hear from you press secretaries down Florida way—Miami, St. Pete, Tampa and other stations.

So dear readers, from the "Submarine Capital of the World" and Local 261, Groton, Connecticut, we shall say so long for now. Be seeing you!

WILLIAM "BILL" STANLEY, P.S.

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## Holmes Outlines Source Of Basic Social Conflict

L. U. 270, OAK RIDGE, TENN.—As the time for contract negotiations draws near, there comes to mind a statement made by Justice Holmes while he was sitting on the Massachusetts State Supreme Court, in a dissenting opinion. "One of the eternal conflicts out of which life is made up is that between the efforts of every man to get the most he can for his services, and that of society, disguised under the name of capital, to get his services for the least possible return."

With this in mind we are busily arming ourselves for the conflict. As we prepare, we recognize we are limited in forcefully making demands,

## Brothers of Ann Arbor Local



These snapshots of Brothers Ray Perkins and Eddie Hines are described in the letter from Local 252, Ann Arbor, Mich.



due to restrictive legislation, both on the Federal and State levels. We have recently attended the Building and Construction Trades Legislative Conference in Washington in an attempt to convince our Congressmen that we need some relief legislation, hoping to offset the punitive legislation being pushed by people not friendly to labor. Maybe when we get pushed around a while longer we will listen to the people who have been telling us so long that we can control this legislation at the polls. We in the Oak Ridge-Knoxville area are proud of our record last year in electing six out of seven COPE endorsed candidates. We accomplished this by making certain that all union members in this area were qualified to vote and by COPE's fine effort in instructing these voters. Had the remainder of the state been as successful, we could have rid our statute books of the so called "Right-to-Work" law this year. Instead we had a bill intro-

duced making it unlawful for anyone employed by the State, County or a City government to belong to a labor organization. Surely such a bill, which is, without a doubt, in direct conflict with the Constitution, will not pass, but it just points out that our enemies are always after us, while a lot of the time we are relaxing.

The work picture in this area is certainly not encouraging, and has not been for the past two years or more. Less than five years ago we had over 3,000 electricians working here on construction and now the area will not support 300. If travel is educational, then a lot of we 270 members should have smartened up in the past two years.

We have a banquet scheduled for our graduating apprentices this month and I hope to have some pictures of this in the next edition. Until then, the best wishes of Local 270 go to you all.

J. PAUL MOULTON, P.S.

## Festivities Staged by Local 261 in Connecticut



At the annual banquet of Local 261, Groton, Conn., are seen from left, across the page: Herb Philips, treasurer; Fred Rogers, financial secretary; International Representative Walter Kenefick; Business Manager Barney Gilbride of Local 90, New Haven; Frank Bongaret, president; Fred Rogers; Mr. Jack Hilding, inspection foreman of E.B.; Frank Bongaret, and Representative Kenefick.



Over 300 happy children attended a Christmas party held by Local 261. Local 261 is composed of marine electricians, electronicsmen, dockside test men, maintenance electricians, research and design men currently employed on nuclear submarines under construction at General Dynamics Corp., Electric Boat Division yards at Groton, Conn., "The Submarine Capital of the World." At right, Santa Claus played by John Hamilton, an inspector supervisor, proudly presents a gift and great big smile to a member's daughter, Juliette Brunelle.



Wives of members of Local 261 help wrap Christmas gifts for Children's Christmas Party. Left to right are: Mrs. Harold Ferguson and daughter; Mrs. Frank Rogers; Mrs. Frank Bongaret; Mrs. Bill Stanley; Mrs. Ted Angell; Mrs. Les Glynn; Mrs. Herb Philips; Mrs. Ernie Planchon; Mrs. Tony Franco; Miss Barbara Kates, and Mrs. Harry Dowsett.

### Memorable Program for Old-timers Tendered by 292

L. U. 292, MINNEAPOLIS, MINN.—Local 292 recently honored retiring members of the local with a banquet, entertainment and program that will live long in the memories of all who participated.

With that know-how style that

touches everything that Local 292 attempts, the evening will be rung up as another triumph for the officers and members of this local and something to be treasured so long as they live, by those who were being honored.

Secretary Guy Alexander known at home and throughout the land for the contribution he has made to the labor movement, presented Reverend Tenner Thompson, who with sincerity and

rare eloquence inspired all with the invocation he pronounced.

Secretary Alexander then presented Business Representative Joseph F. Krech, not only a business representative of marvelous ability and capacity, but who proved himself to be an unexcelable toastmaster.

In opening the program Krech said in part: "Two ninety two extends fraternal congratulations to all the retired members. Tonight there will be 21, making a total of 62 drawing International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers pensions today.

"For 52 years, 292 has conducted its affairs with honesty and integrity. And in all the years our Brotherhood has had a Pension Plan, it has not missed a single payment on pensions.

"This marks 68 years of progress in the electrical industry. And we do find satisfaction in the result of our own efforts and accomplishments.

"There was a time when the poor-house seemed around the corner. From necessity and hope for security came the IBEW pensions. I wonder what it is going to be like when the rest of us retire. I hope there will be as much progress by the working man in

the next 20 years as in the past. We always strive for a higher goal, an economic and social improvement and the right to organize.

"This latter right has been threatened by the 'Right-to-Work' laws during the past two or three years. Let us fight on so we may look to secure retirement."

The retired honor guests were as follows: Geron A. Carlson, Gust O. Bostrom, Victor Heinstedt, Charles Anderson, Harry L. Brown, Alf M. Johnson, Harold E. Olsen, V. M. Lippenberg, Andrew L. Green, Otto W. Schmeck, G. Milton Christenson, Hans C. Hanson, John Heinz, Frank T. McCoy, Leroy T. Futch, Louis J. Saenger.

Honor guests unable to attend were: Henry Magling, Robert Bauck, Erick L. Jungren, William Steifenhofer, I. B. Lundh.

Carl Milen was presented with a pin denoting 50 years of membership.

After the presentation of the pins President Edward J. Conway spoke, saying in part: "It is pleasant to see the turnout there is tonight. We are sending these men out into the world to enjoy themselves. I like to think of them as graduating from work and going to enjoy the benefits.

"We wish them a long and continuous retirement and all the pleasure in the world."

President Conway presented Carl Milen with the gold card signifying 50 years and a letter of praise from the international as well as a 50-year pin.

In a fine address, Jerry Baldus, International Vice President said in part, "A fleeting glance back over the past 50 years gives me a lump in my throat. It's a long, long time. Try and picture the ostracism of union members 50 years ago. They had a dream of a better day that sunk deep into their souls. They had a principle and were steadfast in it."

Secretary Guy Alexander recalled old Boomer Davis and said, "Conway used to travel when he was young. He was elected President in 1934 and made an outstanding President and is still doing so, and now I wish to present him a gift from 292." The gift was a beautiful watch.

In grateful remarks Conway said briefly: "I never felt 292 owed me anything. It's always been the other way around. I feel I owe 292 a lot more than 292 owes me."

Business Representative Krech on behalf of L. U. 292 presented each retiring member with a gift.

The Retirement Party Committee was composed of Guy Alexander, chairman, Charles Blair, Earl Sheldon, Clarence Johnson and William T. Leeper, Jr.

It was a wonderful party and a fitting tribute to men who fought a battle only those who fought beside them can ever appreciate. They helped to lay the foundation for the security existing for those who toil today.

So long until next month.

JAMES L. ADAMS, P.S.

## Break Ground for New St. Petersburg Offices

L. U. 308, ST. PETERSBURG, FLA.—Local 308 was first organized in Pinellas County in 1917. We have finally realized a goal set by many of our older Brothers and fulfilled by our present Brothers, and have broken ground for our local union hall and offices, and expect to be in "business" within five months.

We have engaged William B. Harvard to design a building suitable for our needs and the Building Committee, consisting of Brothers Dagastino, Corey, Gordon, Hadley and Maness have spent quite a few nights deciding on a proper design to fit within our budget.

Our union hall will be completely air-conditioned and we are having a kitchen equipped for union social affairs which we have lacked in the past.

Our first floor will have three stores facing Sunshine Skyway Boulevard and will have three union offices on the north side of the building. Our parking lot will be black top and will accommodate 48 cars.

There has been much discussion about the evils of the Taft-Hartley and the so called "Right-to-Wreck" law. We in Florida have had our difficulties trying to live with these statutes that are strictly anti-labor, but the latest evil to poke its head out of the ground is a proposal by the Governor, to use prison labor on prison building construction.

## Pleasant Evening for Minneapolis Retirees



Everyone in attendance will long remember the pleasant evening afforded the old-timers and their guests by Local 292, Minneapolis, Minn. These were some of those present at the banquet for the retiring members.



## Nineteen Complete Apprentice Training



Officers of the Joint Apprenticeship Committee of Local 317, Huntington, W. Va., posed with the nineteen graduates after presentation ceremonies there. Top, left to right: H. Adkins; D. Simmerman; R. Fraley; W. Ellis, Jr.; D. Turley, Jr.; A. Cremeans; L. James; L. Simmons; R. Hoffman. Center: C. Walker, U. S. Dept. of Labor; R. L. Nolte, secretary, Joint Apprenticeship Committee; J. Booth, Joint Apprenticeship Committee;—H. B. Blankenship, International vice president; E. Damron, chairman, Joint Apprenticeship Committee; A. Stump, Joint Apprenticeship Committee; W. Kazee, Joint Apprenticeship Committee. Bottom: J. Booth; B. G. McCulty; L. Loan, Jr., D. Conley; W. Moore, Jr.; J. Hatfield, Jr.; R. G. McCulty.

In his address to the Florida Senate he stated: "We can proceed to advertise for bids immediately. The contracting procedures to be followed will be standard, except that special provision will be made for the use by the Contractors, with mutual agreement of some prison labor and appropriate adjustments in cost, thus assuring beneficial work for inmates and economies."

I note the last few words of the above statement, "thus assuring beneficial work for inmates and economies."

The Governor doesn't realize that any beneficial work to the prison inmates means unemployment for many of the state's tax payers—the construction worker.

I do not believe that this shows any sense of being economical to the state. Any school boy could tell the Governor that you can't help save money by applying inexperienced help and untried methods to get a job done well and economically.

Our politicians should realize that the laboring men and women deserve fair consideration and should not be penalized in the name of false economy and "political ambition."

Hold on to your hat, here we go again.

A Pinellas County School Board's proposal to use noncertificate electricians on school jobs up to \$500.00 was strongly challenged by the Pinel-

las County Building Trades Council, who went to Tallahassee and confronted the county representatives with strong protests and argued:

1. Safety—Shoddy work puts the lives of school children in danger.
2. Cost—A skilled worker could save more money on time and materials than having the job done by non-specialist.
3. Quality of Work—if an electrician is not competent, he should not be doing work for the schools and if he is competent, he should take the examination and get a certificate.
4. Unfair Competition — In having general maintenance men do electrical work, the school board would put itself in competition with private business.

Brother "Skipper" Hadley, business manager of Local Union 308 with the cooperation of representatives of the Florida Electrical Workers Association, William Tillis, National Contractors Association Inc., E. H. Wallis, Florida West Coast Electrical Contractors Association and W. G. Knapp, secretary of the Pinellas County Building Trades Council, presented the above four points in defense of our position in this matter.

I have written this article with one purpose in mind and that is that labor must continually be on the alert if we are to survive and that all local issues should be investigated.

BENNETT COREY, P.S.

### Outstanding Record of Work Safety Recognized

L. U. 309, E. ST. LOUIS, ILL.—Approximately 125 Local 309 members working for Union Electric Company out of the utility company's French Village and Broadway Work Headquarters were honored at a safety award dinner this past month, at Augustine's Restaurant, Belleville. Representing the groups, Forrest E. Marsden, district manager, East St. Louis, accepted a safety performance award certificate from Harry R. Scott, regional manager for the utility company, for working 225,000 man hours without a single member of the group suffering a disabling injury.

This outstanding safety record was achieved on January 24, 1959. The last disabling injury sustained by a member of the group occurred on March 5, 1958.

In addition to the group awards each individual member of the group will receive a pocket-sized replica of the award certificate. These will be distributed by Eugene H. Ohsiek, East St. Louis line superintendent for Union Electric, L. K. Thompson, overhead superintendent of the company's French Village Work Headquarters, and Edwin B. Martin, overhead superintendent of the Broadway Work Headquarters.

Keep up the fine job on safety, men. This is a record that I am sure every one of us are proud of.

F. W. Sims, a 50-year member of Local 309 died on January 26th. Brother Sims was a line crew foreman with Union Electric Company until he retired 18 years ago. He was employed by the company for 25 years. Brother Sims leaves his wife and five sons, four of whom are members of Local 309. F. W. Sims, Jr. is president of Local 309.

For the information of some of our traveling-brothers who are wondering how work is in Local 309's jurisdiction, I am sorry to report that work in our jurisdiction is still very bad. At the present time we don't have enough work for our own members. This is a condition that has not existed in our local for many years.

RAY (MOON) MULLINS, P.S.  
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### Fears Small Jobs Won't Fill Employment Roster

L. U. 317, HUNTINGTON, W. VIRGINIA — Business is at a low ebb within our jurisdiction at present, and the future does not look promising. The large construction job at Apple Grove, West Virginia, being built by Goodyear Rubber Company is fast nearing completion which leaves only small scattered employment projects in our community.

Full-time employment of Local 317 as we have enjoyed in the past, appears to be nearing an end until some of those pigeon-holed blueprints that looked promising a few months ago

### Davis Steps Down, Sexton Succeeds



When Brother R. G. Davis retired as president of Local 338, Denison, Texas, Vice President Bobby Sexton succeeded to the top position. Here Brother Davis, surrounded by the local's Executive Board, turns over the gavel to the new president. All names are given in the local's letter.

are brought out and put into action. We have our fingers crossed, not for miracles to happen, but hoping for a little good luck.

As the weather is becoming spring-like a little swinging of the rod and reel in the streams and lakes is quite a fine addition to general morale but when the wallet gets slim, even a fighting bass becomes boresome.

On Saturday evening, February 7, 1959, the Joint Apprenticeship and Training Committee of IBEW Local 317 and the Huntington Division of the West Virginia-Ohio Valley Chapter of NECA held a dinner and graduation exercise for 19 young members

of the local who have completed their apprentice training, and are now qualified as journeymen wiremen.

After the dinner Roy Nolte, assistant business manager and secretary of the Joint Committee, acting as toastmaster, introduced some distinguished guests, who each in his own way plays a part in the Apprentice Program.

They were: Mr. D. W. Fox, director of the Huntington East Trade School, who has helped the Apprentice Committee set up related class work for the apprentices.

Mr. George Gunnoe, director of the West Virginia Employment Security Office, who sets up and has his aides give the I.Q. and Aptitude exam for new applicants to the program.

Mr. Clifford S. Walker, Apprenticeship Representative, United States Department of Labor, Bureau of Apprenticeship and Training, with whom our apprentice boys are indentured, and who assists in writing or revising our Area Standards for the apprentice program.

Also in attendance and introduced was Mr. F. K. Kyle, city manager for the City of Ashland, Kentucky, which is in the jurisdiction of Local 317.

IBEW International Representative J. M. Parker, made some timely remarks to the graduates, that now that their concentrated studies are over, they should become more active in the local union and its work.

Toastmaster Nolte introduced the Committee members that he worked with on the Apprentice program. They were: E. E. Damron, chairman, of the Weaver Electric Company, I. H. Sturgill of Associated Electrical Contractors, William Kazee of Boggs Electric and Brothers Arnold Stump and Jay Booth of the local union.

Brother H. B. Blankenship, IBEW

### Fifty-Year Man in Sacramento



Perrie E. Duhain, left, is all smiles as he receives his 50-year diamond pin from W. N. "Buster" Johnson, another veteran member of Local 340, Sacramento, Calif. Business Manager Joe Campbell, center rear, and President Bob Mielenz, right, look on with obvious approval.

## *Guests of Honor at Rockford Banquet*



Officers of Contractor's Association and Local 364 and apprentices that were awarded journeyman certificates at the annual banquet of Local 364, Rockford, Ill. The other picture is of our banquet.



International Vice President of the Fourth District, was then introduced as the main speaker and he spoke to the graduating boys and the delegation present about the history of the IBEW before an effective apprenticeship program was established and what work has been put into establishing a good apprentice program and what part the graduating boys would play in future apprenticeship work and the Brotherhood as a whole.

Brother Blankenship then presented two Certificates of Completion, one issued by the United States Department of Labor and one issued by the IBEW-NECA National Joint Apprenticeship Committee, to the following boys:

Harold Adkins, Jerry Booth, David Conley, Allen Cremeans, Willard Ellis, Jr., Raymond Fraley, John Hatfield, Jr., Richard Hoffman, L. T. James, Lloyd Loan, Jr., Walter Moore, Jr., Billy G. McCulty, Robert G. McCulty, David Simmerman, Lewis W. Simmons, and Dewey J. Turley, Jr.

Vernal Elkins, Homer G. Saunders, Levi H. Stone, Jr. were absent for the ceremony.

Congratulations to all the graduates.

Press Secretary

### **40-Year Member, Local 338 President Retires**

L. U. 338, DENISON, TEXAS — A member of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Denison Local 338, AFL-CIO, for the past 40 years and president for the last nine years, R. G. Davis has retired.

Brother Davis served as president once before for three years.

In addition to serving as president, Brother Davis has held every other office in the local save that of business manager.

On reaching his 65th birthday recently, Davis retired and the members of Local 338 honored the veteran Electrical Worker.

Shown in the photo are Brother Davis, members of the Executive Board and the business manager, as Brother Davis hands over the gavel to Bobby Sexton, vice president, who advanced to the office of president.

In the picture, from left to right, are J. B. Rapier, Executive Board member, Sherman; Don Lancaster, chief steward of the Bonham unit, Bonham; J. O. Quattlebaum, Executive Board member, Sherman; Bobby Sexton, Denison, vice president who advanced to president; Jack W. Jeter, Executive Board member, Sherman;

John H. Cantrell, business manager, Denison; R. G. Davis, retiring president; Grover McMurray, recording secretary, Denison, and Al Lindstrom, International Representative, Fort Worth.

JOHN H. CANTRELL, B.M.

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### **Diamond Pin Presented To Sacramento Member**

L. U. 340, SACRAMENTO, CALIF.—At a recent regular meeting of Local Union 340 in Sacramento, California, Brother Perrie E. Duham received his 50-year diamond pin from the International Union. W. N. "Buster" Johnson, another veteran member of Local 340 made the presentation.

Brother Duham retired from his position as foreman with the Sacramento City Unified School District on February 28, 1959. He was the first Electrician employed by the School District, and when he left he had a crew of four.

Now that he has retired, he plans to do some repair work around his home and to travel and visit friends in different parts of the state. A scroll and a personal letter signed by International President Gordon M. Freeman and International Secretary

Joseph D. Keenan were also presented at the meeting, in recognition of his long years of service to the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers.

JACK C. GALVIN, P.S.  
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### 300 Attend Annual Banquet of Rockford, Ill., Local

L. U. 364, ROCKFORD, ILL. — We had a long hard winter here in Rockford. Work was very slack, with many men sitting on the bench most of the time. We have hopes of things picking up enough for all of them to be employed full time before long.

The local had a good Christmas party for the children at Jefferson Junior High Auditorium. About 500 attended, and gifts were distributed to the children, cartoons were put on the screen for their (and the adults') enjoyment. The committee for the affair was Jerry Tongue, Ellis Roose, Robert Skaar, John Lindblade, and Richard Crowder. A delightful time was enjoyed by all.

We had our annual banquet on February 21, 1959, in the Grand Ballroom of the Faust Hotel. About 300 electricians, wives and guests attended. Ed Von Driska was chairman, assisted by David Youngmark, Al Moline, Bill Welden and Melvin Peterson. A delicious meal was served. Al Grace and his orchestra played for

### Keenan Addresses South Carolina Council



At the annual convention of the South Carolina State Labor Council, AFL-CIO, the speech of International Secretary Joseph D. Keenan holds the attention of Brother Sinway Young, business manager of Local 382, Columbia, S. C., newly elected president of the Council.

the dance that followed. As usual, the speech making was cut short, and only the apprentices awards were made, and the visiting dignitaries were introduced (but no speeches were allowed). The apprentice awards were given to David Doherty, Warren

Garwick, James Hayes, William Sandell, Robert Sennett, Jack Schandmeier, Jerry Tongue, Donald Wenck, and Stanley Valaisis.

Mr. Al Dost, Mr. Ralph Wilcox, our United States Bureau of Apprenticeship Representative, and William

### Sign Pact with Arizona Public Service



A two-year contract has recently been agreed to by Local 387, Phoenix, Ariz., and the Arizona Public Service Company. In the picture, signing the agreement are, back row, left to right: W. E. Mueller; L. R. Kimmich; M. M. Bridgewater, representing Arizona Public Service Co.; Andrew Ballent; H. F. Sebring; C. M. Flores; C. G. Wallace, representing Local 387. Front row: H. R. Petteet, Local 387; D. B. McGregor, Arizona Public Service Co.; Paul A. Morris, Local 387; Wm. Ismay, Arizona Public Service Co.

## **Benefit Dance Attracts Local 390 Members**



A pleasant evening was provided by the Entertainment and Benefit Fund Committee of Local 390, Port Arthur, Tex., with the benefit dance for the members. Highlight of the evening was the singing of Chellett Sisters, seen at the microphone below.



Collins were present. All of the men present were identified by namecards, and the ladies were all presented with corsages. This is one annual affair that not too many of our brothers miss.

JOHN W. CAIN, P.S.

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### **Organizational, Contractual Advances Won by Local 382**

L. U. 382, COLUMBUS, S. C. — It has been quite some time since our local has had an article in the JOURNAL. To all of you good Brothers who have been inquiring, we promise to give you more news in the future.

I am very happy to report that under the supervision of our business manager, Brother Sinway Young, Local Union 382 is still making progress.

He has just completed organizing Colonial Hites Neon Sign Company. Colonial Hites Neon Sign Company is one of the largest manufacturers of neon signs in the Carolinas. Our new Brother members employed in this shop, received across-the-board increase in hourly wages, plus fringe benefits. Our new members in this shop are of the manufacturing personnel.

We are also proud to report that recently Brother Young has successfully negotiated a five cents an hour across-the-board increase for all "A" members of Local Union 382, which makes our scale one of the highest in the Carolinas.

Spring is here and our work situation is looking up in the construction field. For the information of Brothers who may be seeking employment on the Atomic Energy Power Plant that is to be built in our jurisdiction, Brother Young reports that it will be

some time in 1960 before construction begins.

Carolina Power and Light has now under construction an outdoor type pulmerized coal-fired steam electric station, located on Black Creek near Hartsville, South Carolina, which is in Local 382's jurisdiction.

Ebasco Services, Inc. is providing the engineering and construction service for this station. Number one unit will consist of one General Electric 182,000 KW, 3600 RPM turbine generator. This installation will go into operation some time around May 1, 1960, including a 2,200 acre cooling pond with a three-quarter mile long earth dam and a 15,000 cubic yard concrete spillway structure and conduit piping system. Electrical apparatus include a step-up sub-station and switchyard facilities.

Business Manager Young reports that he will not need any traveling Brothers for this job.

Other news of interest — South Carolina State Labor Council, AFL-CIO has just held its annual convention. Brother Sinway Young was elected president of the Council. The highlight of the Convention was an address by our International Secretary-Treasurer, Joseph D. Keenan. The enclosed photo shows Brother Keenan addressing the convention.

Other members of the IBEW present for the Convention were, International Vice President W. B. Petty and Jimmy Noe Director of the Research Department.

L. F. JOHNSON, P.S.

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### **Sign Pact with Arizona Public Service Company**

L. U. 387, PHOENIX, ARIZ. — We have concluded our negotiations with the Arizona Public Service Company, resulting in a two-year agreement with a 5 percent wage increase for 1959 and a 5 percent wage increase for 1960.

Also gains were made in working conditions and overtime pay.

This package was accepted by our membership.

Enclosed is a picture of our Brothers who helped make this progress.

H. R. PETTET, B.M.

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### **Port Arthur Local 390 Stages Benefit Dance**

L. U. 390, PORT ARTHUR, TEXAS—Local 390's Entertainment and Benefit Fund Committee gave a benefit dance at the local union hall April 10. A large crowd was on hand to dance to the music of Harry Vaughn and his orchestra. Many nice door prizes were given away during intermission.

The highlight of the gala affair was the appearance of the Chellett Sisters, of radio and TV fame. The numbers they sang were well received by the large crowd on hand to dance and help our needy members. The Chellett Sisters are the daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Leo Chellett. Mr. Chellett is a member of Local 390.

The dance was headed by Joe Case and his capable assistants were: J. T. Ford, George Sebright, V. Vicknair, and yours truly. J. E. Hardy also did a job handling the parking lot.

President Pat Patterson of Beaumont Local 479, and his large party came over to help in the fun.

We also want to thank every one who helped in this affair — all who sold tickets, helped serve sodas and the dozen other jobs that go with a dance like this. We especially thank Bill Thompson, son of business manager G. I. Thompson. Bill worked tirelessly the entire night. To all of you — when the committee tries to put over something again for the needy, jump in and give them a helping hand, for you never know when you may need help yourself.

As this is my last item for the WORKER, I want to thank every one who has helped me in my job of trying to collect my material. I especially wish to thank President Joe Miller for his confidence in me when many others were at my throat for not having an article in every month. Sorry fellows I did my best. So get behind your next new press secretary and give him a boost and less knocks.

ARTHUR A. DERROUGH, P.S.

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### Half Billion Dollar Dam Is One-Third Completed

L. U. 426, SIOUX FALLS, S. DAK.—Work on South Dakota's Oahe Dam

### Completes 30 Years Service to City



John Goertzen of Local 417 was officially retired recently after being honored by the city commission for 30 years of service with the city of Coffeyville, Kansas. Standing, left to right: Finance Commissioner A. M. Eckelberry; Bill Lewark, Commissioner of Streets and Utilities; Brother Goertzen and Mayor Norton Walters.

has moved much beyond the stages indicated in the pictures but no doubt they will interest some. In fact the whole \$500,000,000 project is nearly one-third completed.

One photo shows the huge embankment of the dam being pushed across the Missouri River. In August of last year this embankment had placed a restraining hand on one of the most uncontrollable giants old mother nature has ever conceived—the rampaging flood waters of the mighty Mo.

Destined to be the world's second largest earth dam, Oahe will be 9,300 feet long and 242 feet high. When completed the rolled-earth embankment will contain 78,000,000 cubic yards of earth and weigh approximately 125,000,000 tons. The volume of earth required to build Oahe, if moved by rail would make up a train 24,000 miles long. Concrete re-

quired to build the spillway powerhouse and tunnels will total 1,200,000 yards, or enough to build a 400-mile stretch of highway 24 feet wide.

Six flood control tunnels, built of reinforced concrete will average 3,400 feet in length and 19 feet in diameter. The sixth tunnel will have a capacity of 103,000 cubic feet of water per second.

One picture shows the machine, called a "mechanized mole" which did the drilling of these six tunnels. Built by Miltrey Constructors of Los Angeles the mole drilled from four to 10 feet per hour. The machine weighed 85 tons and rode on railroad tracks set in the tunnel. A hydraulic jack pushed it forward to keep the cutter head in contact with the rock. Much interest and publicity were given the actual closing ceremonies with many people taking part in this

### Huge Reclamation Project in South Dakota



In the jurisdiction of Local 426, Sioux Falls, S. Dak. is the giant Oahe Dam. Earth embankment can be seen moving across river. Upstream entrances can be seen of flood control tunnels. At right are the mole and tunnel entrances. More information in Local 426's letter.

enormous feat. My reporter at Pierre, Gar Baumann was among those present to record the event on film but it seems he took all color slides which are difficult to reproduce in the JOURNAL.

JACK ARCHER, P.S.  
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## Honorary Title Awarded Successful Fund Raiser

L. U. 428, BAKERSFIELD, CALIF.—Organized Labor is a large and important segment of the American public. However, it has not been large enough nor active enough politically to alone stop the reactionaries and the special interest groups from legislating labor unions out of existence. Labor has always had to depend on the assistance of its friends to win any legislative battles.

This continuing war has made organized labor realize that it must win politically to win economically, and to do this it must have the support of the general public. This needed support is best obtained through the daily activities of the union members and their families in their own community. The daily press is no longer a free press, but is edited and slanted to please the advertisers, and not necessarily to give unbiased news and opinions.

Legislation sponsored and supported by organized labor has been legislation for better living for all working people, regardless of whether they are union or not. If this same policy is maintained in the daily living of the member and his family—labor will have this needed support in spite of the nearly 100 percent anti-union press.

Brother Robert Gonzales, a journeyman wireman, member of this union—is an excellent example of how

## Public Spirited



Brother Robert Gonzales of Local 428, Bakersfield, Calif., has given unstintingly of his time and enthusiasm in support of the Mojave children's recreation program.

members can assist in obtaining public support and proper recognition for organized labor. Bob has been a leader in the Mojave children's recreation program for some time. In order to raise money to pay the expenses of this program, the town of Mojave endorses a campaign for an honorary mayor every year. The successful candidate is that candidate, who with the aid of his sponsor or sponsors, collects the most money for the recreational program. Brother Gonzales won the contest handily and was named Honorary Mayor of Mojave for 1959, and the youngsters of Mojave have their recreational program.

Brother Gonzales is not only a good mechanic and a good union member, but an outstanding citizen in his community. This is the kind of publicity that Labor needs and usually de-

serves. It would be most helpful in the political arena if more members would not only participate in the many civic and church programs in the community, but would also be sure to identify themselves as being proud to be a member of organized labor.

IVAN BEAVAN, B.M.  
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## Thirty-Eight Service Awards Made in Santa Ana

L. U. 441, SANTA ANA, CALIF.—Our February meeting was enhanced by the presence of many of our old-timers who came to receive their 20, 30, or 35-year pins. This was by far the largest class of "post-graduates" to ever earn these merits of devotion and service to IBEW at Local 441. Thirty-eight members were on this honor roll, but only 25 were able to attend. Brother Oscar Harbak, International Vice President, conducted the ceremonies.

Within a week after this meeting we were saddened by the passing of Brother Earl Enlow. Brother Enlow was well known in Southern California, having been superintendent of construction on many of Edison's new substations built in this area. Earl will long be remembered for his part in sparking the enthusiasm which led to the construction of our new office building.

Also during February, and with many regrets, we learned that Brother Warren Ferguson had resigned as our business manager. Those who know Fergie, know that he is aggressive and a little hard-hitting at times, especially when he went to bat for his men. During the seven years that he guided the fortunes of Local 441, this local grew in stature and won the respect of the entire electrical

## Service Pins Presented in Santa Ana



Pictured here are the Brothers who received their service pins at the February meeting at Local 441, Santa Ana, Calif. Left to right, front row: W. A. Ferguson, business manager; Earl Enlow; Bill Johnson; Ole Hansen; Clyde Martin; George Lenz; Oscar Harbak, International vice president; R. Macy; H. E. McAtee; E. Halverson, and Elwood Grace. Second row: Joe Gentzler; T. D. Christensen; K. K. Woods; Bill Williamson; G. Torgenson; J. W. Turk; H. Rosenblum, and Wayne Rich. Third row: Charles Leimer; D. D. O'Meara; D. Gordon; G. Nash; H. Becker; Ed Thomas, Sr., and E. M. Hart.

## *Mark Silver Jubilee in Johnstown*



The 25th Anniversary banquet of Local 459, Johnstown, Pa., was an outstanding success. The speakers' table is seen at left, and part of the entertainment at right.



Some of the charter members of the local are seen at the banquet. At right, Alvie Fisher, chairman of Local 459's Executive Board, receives his 25-year pin from International Representative Andrew Johnson.

industry as well as that of the contractors who employ our people. It is little wonder then, that when the Orange County Electrical Contractors were looking for the right kind of man to head up their new depository system, Brother Ferguson's qualifications were considered. So they put out the right kind of bait, in the right amount, and lured Fergie away from us. Brother Ferguson has promised to give us full details of his new job very soon which we will relay along to you through these letters.

To fill the vacancy left by his resignation will be a Herculean task and we think the Executive Board did well when it selected Warren Maxwell for the job. "Max" has been well tutored, having served as assistant business manager during most of Fergie's term of office. Brother Maxwell's first decision was to move Jack Huggins up from business representative to assistant business manager. Brother Gene Lamb accepted

the vacancy left by Brother Huggins.

DICK KLAUS, P.S.

### **200 Guests Mark 25th Johnstown Local Birthday**

L. U. 459, JOHNSTOWN, PA.—Over 200 persons attended the 25th anniversary of Local 459 at the K. of C. home in Johnstown, February 28. Members from Somerset, Cambria and Indiana counties and vicinity were present for the dinner and program which followed.

Souvenir programs with silver printing on the pebbled cover, contained data of the progress of Local 459 from 1934 to 1959 as well as pictures of retired pensioners and William Mulvihill, president and Marvin E. Rosbaugh, business manager.

Accompanying pictures show the speakers' table where guests were Andrew Johnson, International Repre-

sentative; Andrew Koban, president of the Johnstown Regional Central Labor Council; Representative Hiram G. Andrews, speaker of the House, Harrisburg, of Johnstown; David C. Wolfe, district attorney of Cambria County and Mayor Walter E. Rose of Johnstown. A program of entertainment was presented, and the charter members of the tri-county unit were presented pins and scrolls. Alvie E. Fisher of RD 4, Indiana serves as chairman of the Executive Board.

Charter members are: Earl Beck, Indiana; Glenn J. Berkstresser, New Florence; Eugene W. Baun, Indiana; Louis E. Betterman, Johnstown; Carl M. Carney, Seward; Ira E. Carney, New Florence; Roy E. Carney, Seward; Arthur E. Dahlstrom, Seward; Clarence E. Emert, Seward; Alvie E. Fisher, Indiana.

Harry W. Gauntz, Meyersdale; Sanford J. Haney, Johnstown; Harry W. Hemker, South Fork; Paul A. Heming, New Florence; Robert V. Igo, New Florence; Thomas H. Jones, Se-

## Brinkley Honored by Fellow Employes



George G. Brinkley of Local 464, Covington, Va., was the guest at a dinner recently given by fellow employees of West Virginia Pulp and Paper Company in honor of his retirement. Brinkley, who recently rounded out 38 years with the company, began work in 1921 as an electrician. He became a group foreman in 1933. He is seated sixth from right above and receives a gift from his fellow workers, below from President Robert G. Dressler of the local.



ward; Joseph Ludwig, Seward; Harry B. Longnecker, Seward; Peter Marks, Seward; Sam L. Mottorn, Rochester Mills; Joseph M. Mikesic, Johnstown; Robert M. Marshall, Johnstown; Edward McVicker, Johnstown; J. Mayberry Naugle, New Florence; Jesse M. Peck, Johnstown; Harold H. Robinson, New Florence; Leroy P. Reed, Indiana; Meredith W. Smith, Johnstown; Glenn W. Sterrett, Seward; Gilbert P. Switzer, Seward; Thomas O. Sisk, Johnstown; Robert Spence, Meyersdale, and Thomas M. Dickert, Seward.

Officers of the Local 459 are: William Mulvihill, president; Richard Gallatin, vice president; Marlin Rossbaugh, business manager; Earl Beck, recording secretary; George Gates, financial secretary and Eugene Baun, treasurer. Executive Board members are: A. E. Fisher, R. Mimna, F. O'Brien, W. Faust and S. Kerr. Anniversary committee members are C. E. Huffman, R. Birkheimer, F. O'Brien, S. Kerr and C. McKinley.

R. H. GALLATIN, P.S.  
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### Negotiation Committee Chosen by Glasgow Local

L. U. 463, GLASGOW, KY.—A Nego-

tiating Committee was chosen by Local 463 at a recent regular meeting consisting of: International Representative James Knight, president Elmer Rigdon, Financial Secretary and Treasurer James Magers, Switchboardman W. W. Johnston, Lineman Edward Lay and Operator Cassandra Pike.

Negotiations between Local 463 and the General Telephone Company of Kentucky are scheduled for May 4 at Elizabethtown, Kentucky.

We are happy to report that relations are good here and we will be bargaining for better benefits, wages, etc.

Local 463 was saddened by the death of Brother Bruce Adams who was recently called to be with our Heavenly Father.

Bruce, better known as *Sin-doe* to all his friends, had many friends and was certainly one of whom all spoke the best.

Brother Adams will be missed by all of us and our deepest sympathy goes to his family.

Russell Lowe and Mac Milburn were injured in an accident in Greensburg, Kentucky recently. Both of these members are linemen for the General Telephone Company of Kentucky. They were in the process of

drilling a pole hole in rocky country for the purpose of setting off another charge of dynamite. While removing the bit from the hole a blast went off which resulted in damage to the right eye of Brother Milburn and the loss of sight in both eyes of Brother Lowe.

This is indeed a terrible accident but at the time of this writing Brother Milburn is back on the job. Brother Lowe is recovering satisfactorily and all of us would like to wish him a speedy recovery at this time. The best of wishes go to you Russell from all of us.

ELMER RIGDON, President  
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### Mark Retirement of Construction Foreman

L. U. 464, COVINGTON, VA.—Local 464, Covington, Virginia, recently honored George G. Brinkley on his retirement as an electrical construction foreman at the West Virginia Pulp and Paper Company.

Brother Brinkley was presented with a 10-year pin and other gifts at the dinner by officers of the local. Robert G. Dressler, president of the local made the presentation.

ROBERT E. LOVING, R.S.  
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### Kaiser Undertakes Largest West Coast Expansion

L. U. 477, SAN BERNARDINO, CALIF.—The largest plant expansion in West Coast industrial history will make Kaiser Steel Corporation the largest steel producer west of the Mississippi River.

During the past 30 months, Kaiser

Steel Plant at Fontana, California has undergone a \$214,000,000 expansion program, which has supplied work for IBEW members from almost every state.

Local 477 at San Bernardino had jurisdiction of the job, which had over 1,100 Electricians on it at the peak.

It has been a good job for members of the IBEW in that it furnished work for hundreds of our members and lasted nearly three years.

Construction on this expansion began in June of 1956. The facilities under this construction at Fontana included 90 new coke ovens, which were designed by Koppers Company, and will supply coke for the new blast furnace, which is the fourth and largest, designed to produce approximately 1,750 tons of molten pig iron per day.

Eight additional soaking pits for the preheating of steel ingots prior to rolling in the new Universal Slabbing Mill were built.

The new independent 110" Plate Mill was built to increase the output of hot rolled sheet, skelp and tin mill hot bands, also a new No. 2 Electrolytic tin plate line to increase tin plate production. The revamping of 110" Plate Mill, which is a 4-High Mill required relocating a 7,000 H.P.D.C. drive motor. The lifting bar used on this motor was field fabricated and rigging was done under the supervision of the Electricians.

The relocation of the 86" hot strip mill was perhaps, the most unique part of this project, which consisted of relocating five stands and electrical equipment; also the installing of the downcoilers. This relocation was accomplished in 45 days.

The coordination of this move presented a terrific challenge to all concerned. The individual stands are driven by three 5,000 H.P. and two 3,500 H.P.D.C. motors and the controls include both constant potential type panel boards and variable voltage equipment necessary for proper speed and tension control.

One of the pictures shows IBEW members rigging and setting a distribution center that will furnish power for this equipment, while the other picture shows korduct runs that will envelop feeders, which will carry power from a new 30,000 K.W. substation to the mill.

This mill, including furnaces and roughing train is housed in a building 2,800 feet long.

The size of this job can best be defined by the manpower used and the equipment installed. Our members of the IBEW handled 565 miles of conduit and pulled in 2,105 miles of wire. Approximately 3 percent of the wire used was 9 K.V. shielded, 225.15 miles of Kaiser Aluminum Cable sized from 350 MCM, 750 MCM, and 1,000 MCM; which was 600-volt

cable carried much of the kilowatt supply to the mills.

Last but not least was the building of the Kaiser Steel oxygen furnace, which is the first of its type in the west.

The oxygen furnace process was developed in Austria, where it has been in use producing quality steel since 1952. Kaiser Engineers, division of Henry J. Kaiser Company is licensor for this process in the United States.

Many new in-plant roads have been developed at new entrances to the mill, and San Bernardino County has improved roads and highways to conform with the increased traffic condition.

New guard houses and paystations have been erected at mill entrances. Other new buildings constructed as part of the expansion program include a Labor Relations Building, Payroll Office Building, Field Office Building Addition, Metallurgical Laboratory Building Addition, Manufacturing and Physical Test Building and remodeling the former hospital building for a new personnel center.

The completion of the expansion

program will place into operation more steel producing and finishing facilities than were built into the original Fontana Plant during the entire war years of 1943-1945.

Kaiser Engineers of Oakland, California was the electrical contractor. H. V. Zilm was project manager and P. K. Skvarna, Local 477, was electrical superintendent. Other key position names, such as D. B. Bailey, purchasing agent, George Good, and Charlie Gier will be remembered.

We thank Kaiser Engineers and all of the traveling Brothers, wherever you are now, for participating in this program.

Work in our jurisdiction is very slow since the steel mill has been completed. Most local unions in this area have men out of work.

ORVAL G. COURSON, P.S.

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## Brother Burkholder of Beaumont Local Passes

L. U. 479, BEAUMONT, TEXAS — We are sad in our local this month as a good Brother Worker has just

### Reach Agreement in Hartford, Conn.



Contract signing between Locals 468 and 469 and The Hartford Electric Light Company. Left to right: Business Manager Louis Montagnino, 468; Business Manager Peter Cascio, 469; International Representative Stienmiller; Vice President and General Manager of Helco H. Warren Lawrence, and Andrew Byrne, 468.



Left to right: Messrs. Gibson, Helco, Richmond, 469; Byrne, 468; Montagnino, 468; Cascio, 469; Stienmiller, International Representative, Lawrence, Helco, and Osterling, Helco.

died. J. H. Burkhardt, who joined 116, Ft. Worth in February 1941, as an inside wireman, passed away this March after a long illness.

We have quite a few of our members working away from home at this time, and while we are hoping for a real good year, lots of the jobs that are off the drawing board now can't get out of the ground and put men to work. Hope the next time we report in we can tell you that 1959 negotiations are behind us and we are all working. What is a recession?

J. H. BARRETT, P.S.

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## Dinner-Dance Held by Indianapolis Local 481

L. U. 481, INDIANAPOLIS, IND.—Local 481 held its Annual Dinner and Dance at the Murat Temple, April 18, 1959, at 7:00 p.m. A delicious dinner was served to members and their wives. A number of neighboring business managers and their ladies were our guests.

Business Manager Wesley Taylor made a short welcoming address and commended the committee in charge for their efforts in making this event a success. Music, dancing and visiting was enjoyed by all for the remainder of the evening.

We hope these dinners become a regular part of the social affairs of the local union.

Press Secretary.

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## Points Out Needs for Trained Shop Stewards

L. U. 568, MONTREAL, QUE.—One of our most pressing needs in our local union at the moment is a well-trained group of shop stewards on the job to remind both employers and

members alike of the responsibilities and duties that go along with the signature of an agreement between two parties. Classroom instructions will be underway shortly to help train more shop stewards, but your officers cannot do everything. They cannot, for example, give you the heart and sincere desire to better the lot of your fellow workers. This is something that must come from within yourself. We invite all members who are interested in learning the labor laws and the true meanings and intentions of a union agreement to contact your local union office immediately. By so doing you'll help yourself and learn to help others as well.

Everyone is reminded of the importance of Article XIII, Sec. 2 and Sec. 3 of our Constitution, concerning the name of your beneficiary or the naming of a new beneficiary — you'll save your next of kin a lot of trouble by attending to it right away.

All Journeyman-Electricians are also reminded to renew their "C" License with the Quebec Board of Electrical Examiners — please note their new address: 5075 Fullum Street. Always check your file number on your old license, if this same number is not duplicated on your new license, call us immediately . . . this is very important.

Our thanks to the editor for the very fine article on "Hockey" the National Winter Sport of Canadians in the February edition of the JOURNAL; one thing puzzles me though in this article . . . if the "Detroit Red Wings" ended up on top in the standings of the National League last year (1958) where does that leave our beloved "Montreal Canadiens" who were the league champions in 1958??? Somebody goofed:

(Editor's Note: Our story was written several months before publi-

cation. When the author referred to the Detroit Red Wings as the champions of "last year" — the reference was to 1957. The Montreal Canadiens were the Champs of 1958. Sorry!)

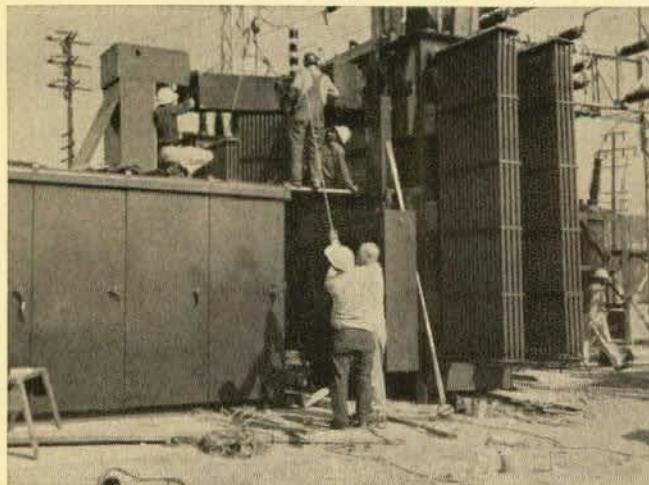
Un de nos problèmes les plus pressants dans notre union locale actuellement est la pénurie de chef d'atelier qui comprennent à fond les techniques d'un contrat de travail entre patron et ouvrier et qui sont au courant des devoirs et des responsabilités qui y sont attachées, tant pour le patron que pour l'ouvrier. C'est l'intention de vos officiers de concentrer leurs efforts afin de remédier à ce problème et tous nos membres qui sont réellement intéressés à se familiariser sur les questions en relations ouvrières sont priés d'en communiquer votre intention à notre bureau d'union locale . . . vous avez tout à gagner . . . sinon de vous instruire suffisamment afin d'être en mesure d'aider un confrère, du moins de réussir à mieux comprendre les raisons et intentions d'un contrat de travail.

Tous nos membres bénéficiaires sont avisés de ne pas oublier l'importance de l'Article XIII, Sec. 2 et Sec. 3 de notre Constitution, concernant le nom de votre bénéficiaire . . . s'il y a lieu de changement pourquoi pas le faire immédiatement . . . vous éviterez bien des ennuis à vos parents et bénéficiaires en cas d'accidents plutôt que de remettre ça à plus tard.

Tous les Compagnons-Electriciens sont aussi avisés également de renouveler leur licence "C" — veuillez noter la nouvelle adresse du Bureau d'Examinateurs Electriciens: "5075 rue Fullum." Il est important aussi de toujours comparer le numéro de dossier sur votre nouvelle licencié avec celui de la licence expirée, s'il n'y a pas lieu de duplicité, veuillez nous aviser immédiatement . . . ceci est très important.

Nos sincères remerciements à l'Edi-

## On \$214,000,000 Kaiser Expansion Job



These progress shots, taken during the huge expansion project carried on at the Kaiser Steel Plant at Fontana, Calif., are described in the letter from Local 477, San Bernardino, Calif.

## *Social Highlight of Local 481's Year*



A gala success was the annual dinner and dance of Local 481, Indianapolis, Ind. A delicious dinner and hours of dancing were featured.



teur pour son article intéressant sur le "Hockey" notre sport d'hiver dans l'édition de notre JOURNAL de février dernier . . . cependant il y a quelque chose que je parviens pas à comprendre et c'est ceci . . . si les "Red Wings de Détroit" ont fini la saison 1958 en tête du classement dans la Ligue Nationale tel que mentionné dans l'article, que fait-on de nos fameux "Canadiens de Montréal" qui étaient les Champions de la Ligue en 1958???? Y a t'il des commentaires ??? La parole est à vous Monsieur l'Editeur . . .

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The Provincial Decree relating to the construction industry in the Montreal District, pertaining to the electrical section, has been amended

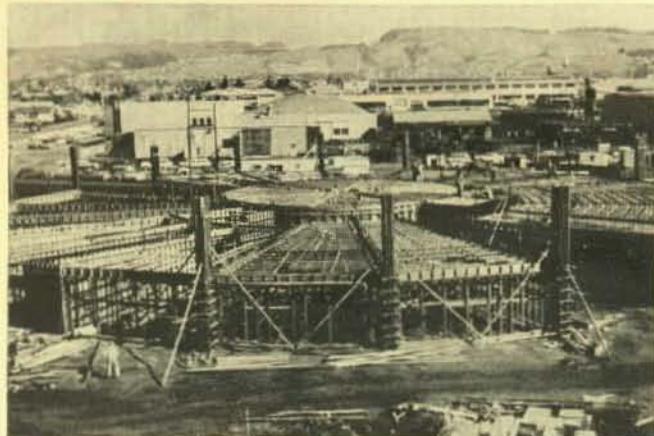
and renewed for a period of two years ending March 31st, 1961.

The membership of our local union, at a specially called meeting on February 16th, has accepted the proposed amendment by a majority vote, submitted to your Negotiating Committee by the Montreal Section of the Corporation of Master Electricians, granting a 25 cents hourly increase, spread over a two-year period. The agreement was signed on February 18th and incorporated in the decree by a Provincial Order in Council on April 18th. This agreement is now in effect as a legal minimum in matter of wage rates and working conditions for all employers in the Montreal District.

For the benefit of those who did not attend the meeting of February

16th, there is a lot of confusion concerning the interpretation of our traveling allowance in the previous decree which has now been taken out . . . this means that all those presently employed for non-union contractors are no longer entitled to a travelling allowance or transportation cost for work outside the city limits; however, your local union has a separate agreement with 15 electrical contractors in the Montreal District which contains a clause for traveling allowance, and due to the fact that this separate agreement has not been renewed or amended yet, the courts of law will have to decide whether we are right or wrong concerning the legality of such agreements for the maintenance of our traveling allowance for our members employed under such agree-

## *Wiring Oakland "School in the Round"*



The unique design of this circular school makes it an interesting project for members of Local 595, Oakland, Calif. The names of those in the view at right are given in their local's letter. Below, the entire crew pose at the job site.



ments. In the meantime negotiations are still in progress between your local union and the 15 union contractors, and all walkouts on their projects are forbidden by law until the matter has been submitted to an arbitration board for final decision. Our members will all be notified by mail of the next general meeting for their final vote on this matter.

The agreement covering the maintenance employees in the mechanical department of the Montreal Star has been renewed for another two years. The hourly rates for journeymen have been increased from \$2.23 to \$2.38 for day shift and from \$2.35 to \$2.51 for night shift. In addition all journeymen will receive a weekly bonus of \$4.00 and helpers and apprentices a weekly bonus of \$2.00. All employees with seven years of service will get three weeks vacation — and

all new employees with one year of service will get two weeks' vacation. All employees covered by this agreement also get the benefits of a pension plan and hospitalization insurance paid by the employer. Our sincere thanks to Brothers Donald MacKenzie and David Small who helped a great deal in the negotiating of this agreement together with our Business Manager, W. Chartier.

Le Décret relatif à l'industrie de la Construction pour le district de Montréal, pour ce qui a trait au métier d'électricien, a été amendé et renouvelé pour une autre période de 2 ans expirant le 31 mars/61.

Les membres de notre union locale, lors d'une assemblée spéciale tenue le 16 février, ont accepté par votre majoritaire l'amendement proposé par la Section de Montréal — Corporation des Maitres Electriciens-accordant

une augmentation de 25 cents l'heure, répartie pour une période de 2 ans.

La convention collective entre la Corporation et notre union locale, négociant pour tous les employés de Montréal, fût signée le 18 février et incorporée dans le Décret par Ordre en Conseil Provincial le 18 avril, 1959, cette convention est maintenant en vigueur et reconnue comme taux minimum pour tous les employés dans le district de Montréal.

Pour le bénéfice de ceux qui étaient absents à l'assemblée du 18 février, il existe un peu de confusion concernant l'interprétation pour les dépenses de voyage qui ne sont pas incluses dans le nouveau décret . . . ceci veut dire que tous les employés à l'emploi des contracteurs n'ayent pas de convention collective signée avec notre union locale n'ont plus droit aux dépenses de voyage en dehors des limites de Mont-

réal; cependant notre union locale a une convention séparée avec 15 contracteurs électriciens dans le district de Montréal qui contient une clause concernant les dépenses de voyage, et dû au fait que cette convention n'a pas été encore amendée ou renouvelée, il reste encore à décider si notre réclamation pour garder cette clause telle quelle et la décision finale nous sera donnée par le conseil d'arbitrage concernant la légalité de notre réclamation.

Pour le moment les négociations se continuent entre notre union locale et les représentants de ces 15 contracteurs, et nos membres seront convoqués par la poste pour la prochaine assemblée générale sur cette question.

La convention collective pour les employés de la maintenance au Montreal Star dans le département de l'électricité, a été renouvelé pour une autre période de 2 ans expirant le 19 janvier 1961. Les taux horaires pour les compagnons ont été augmentés de \$2.35 à \$2.51 pour les employés d'équipes de nuit, et de \$2.23 à \$2.38 pour les employés sur l'équipe de jour; en plus tous les compagnons recevront un boni hebdomadaire de \$4.00 et les aides et apprentis un boni de \$2.00; tous les employés avec 7 ans ou plus de séniorté auront droit à 3 semaines de vacances chaque année et ceux avec 1 an auront droit à 2 semaines de vacances; les employés participant aussi aux bénéfices d'un plan de pension et assurance hospitalisation payés par l'employeur. Nos sincères remerciements aux confrères Donald MacKenzie et David Small qui ont participé aux négociations de cette convention avec le confrère W. Chartier, agent d'affaires.

LOUIS G. THERIAULT, P.S.

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## Unique Construction Featured in School

L. U. 595, OAKLAND, CALIF. — A three-and-a-half-million-dollar school project running several months ahead of schedule and being energized under the able direction of our Executive Board member, Brother Karl Eggers, I believe should interest many readers for two reasons:

First, it will bring to mind some of the "shacks" in which our generation attended school.

Second, a portion of the project is of unique construction, being the second if its kind in the nation coming to our attention to date.

I refer to the unprecedented construction in this area of the San Leandro Pacific High School, located on a 40-acre site just north of the Nimitz Freeway at First Street in the City of San Leandro.

The Academic Building (see photo) containing 21 classrooms and the school administrative offices is of circular construction, being one hundred

and ninety feet in diameter, the interior covering 50,000 square feet and the center or "hub" of the building being covered with a luminous dome which constitutes the library for student reference work and study.

In the cafeteria, student and teacher dining areas also carry out this circular motif of "spherical" atmosphere. In addition, a landscaped outdoor dining area is included.

Adjacent to this large building is an L shaped science wing containing facilities for biology and chemistry laboratories.

Other accommodations making this campus a students' paradise are an immense gymnasium building, a swimming pool, plus a diving pool, a football field and a baseball diamond.

In one corner of the property is a vast sunken circular assembly hall wherein students may meet and exchange comment.

A shop building of 12,000 square feet is provided and future expansion is planned for additions to most of the aforementioned facilities as the student body grows.

Three types of Class "A" construction are featured in these buildings. 1. Reinforced concrete. 2. Structural steel and 3. Pre-cast concrete roofing.

The roofs are composed of rigid frame metal decking.

Our second photo shows (left to right) Brothers Orville Kentala, Fred Vejby, Karl Eggers, Harold Jerro and Les L. Fahy, IBEW members under Brother Eggers' supervision installing the proper conduits preparatory to pouring of the slab on the Academic Building. "I hope you got them all in the proper location."

Superintendent Charles V. McCausland is top man for the general contractor, Pacific Coast Builders of San Francisco. The firm of Schmidts, Hardman and Wong of neighboring Berkeley did the architectural planning, while the 350,000 electrical installation is sub-contracted to the Sutton and Frost Electric Co., managed by Maurice S. Lanning and Brother Eggers as Superintendent.

The City of San Leandro Unified School District will operate this school upon completion and expects a large enrollment of students for the fall semester.

The change of seasons brings us once more to spring as we write this after a wonderful mild California winter. That also brings us to what our business manager, Brother S. E. Rockwell terms the "mating season," a time when unions meet with employers to attempt gains for new or additional conditions for our members.

Already, the inside wiremen and shop divisions of Local 595 have formulated and presented their contract changes to the employers and by the time you read this, the Marine

Division representatives will be meeting in Long Beach, California to effect changes in the Pacific Coast Metal Trades contract.

Referring to my JOURNAL story in the May-June 1958 issue, you will find therein some interesting figures on our vacation plan, pioneered by Local 595 and effective since July of 1950.

Total vacation funds paid by our contractors into 1,253 accounts in the year 1958 amounted to \$224,808.93. This figure added to those mentioned above gives you total funds contributed to this fund since its inception, \$1,181,142.52.

This should give locals not enjoying this modern benefit something to think about.

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Several years ago, acting as vice president of the Alameda County Community Chest, it was my duty to allocate funds to the San Leandro Boys' Club. Budgeting of these funds gave me an intimate knowledge of their operations and an opportunity to meet and know their officials. So when my colleague, Brother Harry Kurt, informed me that he was recruiting volunteers to wire the new San Leandro Boys' Club, I decided I had better go see what gives.

What I found surprised me. Here was an energetic group of civic-minded citizens as officers of this club, who were working not only to complete the physical aspect of this plant, but had already exceeded a county-wide drive quota of \$150,000. This capital fund drive was started two years ago by President E. R. Miller and has now reached \$168,000 in pledges, in addition to material and labor pledges of \$68,000 dollars.

Mr. Ed Barros, executive director of this club, stated: "The cooperation between management and labor has been excellent in this joint effort, and if we can maintain our present pace, our doors should be open by early fall."

Our photo shows members of Local 595, and others, volunteering their labor and ability on their days off energizing this new club house under the able direction of Brother Wesley "Tex" Erwin. The gay lads in the photo are — from left to right — front row: Jay Helm, Jr., Clark Jensen, W. E. Padfield, Marvin Siver, Ernest LeGaux, Dick Endley, Ted Wentworth, and Dick Wentworth. Back row: Harry J. Kurt, Fritz Eggers, Tom Sweeney, Wesley Erwin, Richard Funk, Ross Jensen, Dave Siver, James Haggerty, Paul Richavsky, Jay Helm, Sr., and Frank Beville.

Those short electricians in the front row are just as able as their fathers, but do not meet our height requirements for membership at this point in their careers!

Two electrical contractors, the Bar-

## *On Distribution and Hi-Line Jobs in Jackson*



These members of Local 605, Jackson, Miss., are at work on a distribution project there. Standing from left: Brothers Peoples, McRae, Smith, Harrison, Boothe, Pack and Cade (Yo-Yo). Kneeling: Brothers Clanton, Gauthe, Sebren, Walters and North.



A group of 605 members and travelers employed on the new Hi-Line at Liberty, Miss.

nett Electric Company, owned by Brother James Barnett — who did the preliminary planning — and the Broadmoor Electric Company, owned by Brother Art Souza, are furnishing the necessary tools, partial materials and supervision. Both of these firms are located in San Leandro. Other electrical firms and supply houses are donating the balance of the materials.

Local Union 595 has enjoyed excellent labor relations with these firms for many years. Brother Erwin states

that to "sling" 50,000 feet of conduit into the completion of this project, it will be necessary to expend close to a total of 2,500 man-hours — all donated.

Of concrete block construction, two stories, and situated on an Estudillo Park site leased from the city of San Leandro for one dollar a year, the building covers an area of 25,000 square feet. In addition to a gymnasium, an enormous heated swimming pool built to official American

Athletic Union specifications, is located within the building. The east wall "breaks out" on one side of the pool onto a large patio permitting bathers to take full advantage of relaxing in our California sunshine.

Further inducements in this structure to make boys of all ages leave home are club rooms, craft shops, junior and senior game rooms, a first-class stainless steel kitchen, (boys like to eat — and often!) a library, and staff offices.

The San Leandro Club is part of a nation-wide organization comprised of 525 clubs supervising the recreational activities of a half million boys, molding character and helping to build boys who tomorrow will be the leaders of their communities.

President Miller, proudly gazing upon the partially completed results of his tireless efforts, said: "We are grateful for the enthusiasm with which the members of Local 595 and all of organized Labor have shown in the erecting of this building for boys, regardless of race, color, or creed."

WM. M. SMOCK, P.S.

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## New Hi-Line Project For Jackson, Miss., Area

L. U. 605, JACKSON, MISS. — In the last item sent in by me for our JOURNAL I'm sure there is an error. In stipulating the wage rates for our new contract I think the general foreman's rate was shown incorrectly. The correct rate for the new contract is general foreman \$4.00 per hour. Thank you for making this correction.

We are very happy to report that another Hi-line job has started here. It is routed through quite a bit of the commercial and residential areas of Jackson and is apparently a very nice project. Our members employed by Mississippi Power and Light Company, and for the most part under the supervision of Brother J. C. Wood, (who is one of our past presidents of the local) started this job and completed a goodly portion of the line, when their other duties of maintenance and operation became so pressing that they had to give it up. This is a single pole wishbone type 115 KV line, with the poles as we understand ranging in height up to 95 feet, the completed portion of which represents some very good workmanship as we have seen this line and we think these fine linemen and all participants should have the highest praise.

Now our members employed by contractors are in the act of finishing

this job. Southeastern Utilities Service Company is the contractor, and we are informed that the company is framing these huge poles in the yard, then hauling them out and setting them complete with dollies and stringing lines. So that must be quite an operation within itself and we feel sure that high quality workmanship will prevail, and of course with "SAFETY FIRST" wherefore the job may be finished with due credit to all concerned. Incidentally this line extends from the Rex I. Brown, Steam Electric Station of the MP and L Company (which has at this time a new \$25,000,000 unit under construction) to their South Jackson Substation.

We enclose herewith a couple of snapshots. One is of Brother and Mrs. V. H. Barfield. He is presently employed as a line foreman in this local and Mrs. Barfield is a registered nurse. While the other snapshot is of our two new members of the Executive Board, Brothers R. F. Kuykendoll and P. C. Garrett. Congratulations to all four of you fine people and may Heaven's Blessings be yours.

We have just finished negotiating a new contract with our Line Contractor "Southeastern Utilities Service Company" for a period of one year beginning May 1, 1959. We think we have made some gains except for some stipulations required by the laws of our land, which laws we don't like and are doing everything in our power to wipe from the statute books of our fine State and Nation.

Some of the high spots of the new contract are: Time and one half for the first overtime hour worked between 8:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. in any one day — Monday through Friday. The straight time hours are 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon and 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. (This is excepting however, holidays and other stipulations in this contract). And then all other overtime shall be paid for at double the straight time rate. Wage increases are 15 cents per hour for all classifications down to and includ-

ing journeymen, and 10 cents per hour for all other classifications. The new rates are general foreman \$4.25, cable splicer \$3.80, foreman \$3.75, journeyman \$3.50, apprentices-4th year \$2.90, 3rd year \$2.60, 2nd year \$2.40, 1st year \$2.20, groundmen \$2.10.

We will get four hours reporting time and eight hours if we are not back to job headquarters by 2:00 p.m. on regular work days. And of course we have had a proviso for the past 11 years that if we report to work for planned overtime (after call to work) outside our regular scheduled working days we shall receive a minimum of eight hours pay at the applicable rate. We also have had for 10 years a paid vacation plan providing one week per year of service, which now provides payment for any portion of a year worked. The committee members were Brothers Wager, International Representative; Morrison, business manager; Shaffer, assistant business manager; Sebren; Dennis and Welch, for the union and Messrs. Combs, Kines and Rochfort for the employers. Thanks to all for a neat dispatch of business.

J. W. RUSSELL, P.S.

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## Structural Advances In Albuquerque Plant

L. U. 611, ALBUQUERQUE, N. MEX. — Last fall the citizenry of Albuquerque were cheered at the prospect of a new industry for the community and L. U. 611 welcomed the opportunity of filling an order for some electrical craftsmen to get the job underway. And so the project has gradually grown from a dozen or so Electricians until at present with the job nearing completion Local 611 can point with pride to at least 125 of its members who are gainfully employed on this project.

Robert E. McKee is the general contractor and Reynolds Electrical Engineering Corporation is the electrical contractor for whom we work.

The plant site is located in beautiful Tijeras (pronounced Teheras) Canyon situated in the Manzano mountains immediately east of the city and about 16 miles from downtown Albuquerque. U.S. Highway 66 runs along the plant site through the canyon with the Sandia (watermelon) mountains north of the highway and the Manzanos (apple) mountains south of the highway.

Tourists and prospective builders who are interested in cement architecture should put this plant on their list to visit because it represents the most modern planning in structural design.

As one views the roomy offices and workshops nearing completion, there comes the realization that if it can



Brothers R. F. Kuykendoll and P. C. Garrett, recently appointed to the Executive Board of Local 605, are at left. Right: Brother and Mrs. V. H. Barfield.



## Members of Local 611



Power transformer (7500 kva) and switchgear for Ideal Cement Company of Albuquerque. Left to right: Roger Roehl, superintendent, Equipment Department; Victor Thiel, journeyman, Equipment Department; Roy Ervin, general foreman, Line Department, Public Service Company of New Mexico. All are members of Local 611.

be built with any other building material it can be built with concrete. Here one can see pre-cast and prestressed concrete beams possibly 60 feet long being lifted into position by giant cranes. Another outstanding feature of the shops is the pre-cast corrugated concrete roofing. Giant cranes, one at either end, lift these great roof sections and lower them into position.

Ideal cement plans to produce one million barrels of cement annually at this plant for which construction costs will reach 12 million dollars or more.

The Public Service Company of New Mexico has installed a new 46 kv/4.16kv 7500 kva substation to supply present power requirements with provision made to add a second substation when and if necessary.

We proudly salute the Ideal Cement Company and congratulate them on this achievement.

L. L. GALLOWAY, Pres.

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## 25 in San Mateo Mark Silver Jubilee with IBEW

L. U. 617, SAN MATEO, CALIF. — On March 3, 1959, Local Union 617 of San Mateo, California held an Old Timers' Night at which service pins were awarded to members of the IBEW with 25 or more years service with the Brotherhood.

Thirty-seven pins were awarded to members present.

Al Moore, a pensioned member with some 57 years of membership with the Brotherhood was present that evening to hear the minutes that he had written 50 years ago, when he was recording secretary of Local Union 617. He is now 81 years old and in good physical health. He also spoke of the working conditions 57 years ago.

Oscar Harbak, Vice President of the Ninth District spoke briefly of the history of Local Union 617 and made the presentation of service pins.

Paul Hamilton, a former business manager of Local Union 617 and now a pensioned member, received an honorary scroll and diamond-studded service pin for 50 years of membership with the Brotherhood.

Charles J. Foehn, Executive Council member of the IBEW and Business Manager of Local Union 6 gave the obligation to eight young inside wireman apprentices and presented service pins to members with 25 years of service. He also spoke of the affairs of the IBEW and the fine staff of Officers which go to make up the top echelon of our Brotherhood.

Also present at the occasion was Seth Cohn, owner of the Atlas Electric Company with more than 55 years of continuous electrical contracting business in San Mateo. Many of the members who received pins that evening had worked as journeymen or apprentices for the Atlas Electric Company. Mr. Seth Cohn is presently chairman of the San Mateo Joint Apprentice Committee, which office he has faithfully filled for 15 years.

Frank Bouret, president of Local 617 received a 40 year service pin.

Following is a list of all those honored with service pins:

50-year pin: Paul Hamilton — Pensioned member, 53 years.

45-year pins: Al Midgley — 48 years; Al Seidel — 47 years; Edward E. Lee — 45 years; Ray Frey — 46 years, (Pensioned).

40-year pins: Bosco Achille — 40 years; Roland Midgley — 42 years; Frank Bouret — 40 years; Oscar E. Peterson — 41 years; Neil Comstock — 40 years; Noah Lambert — 43 years, (Pensioned).

35-year pins: Al Cameron — 39 years; W. H. Diederichsen — 37 years; Leo Neist — 36 years; C. M. O'Connor — 35 years; Chick Hallett — 35 years, J. J. Brown — 39 years.

30-year pins: Paul Collins — 32 years; J. S. VanWinkle — 31 years; Alden Jack — 31 years; Russell Condrin — 34 years; John Appleton — 33 years; Bones Pease — 32 years; Louis D. Folsom — 31 years; Stanton Mullen — 33 years; Bill Titcomb — 32 years.

25-year pins: Charlie Schurk — 28 years, (Pensioned member); W. R. Gonder — 25 years; Charles Orner

## Honored



Archie C. Peifer, of Local 640 Phoenix, was named "Man of the Year" in the Electrical Industry of Arizona in recognition of his long years of activity in that industry. Peifer, 64, is shown here working on electrical construction for the new wings of the state capitol.

— 26 years; Al Blumenthal — 27 years; Matt Lynch — 29 years; Henry Tarratt — 27 years; Bill Breckinridge — 25 years; Peter Martinez — 25 years; Jim Gorman — 28 years, Art Lukas — 29 years.

W. H. DIEDERICHSEN, B.M.

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## Phoenix Local Observes National Electric Week

L. U. 640, PHOENIX, ARIZ. — The Electrical industry in Arizona, celebrated National Electric Week with a dinner at the Westward Ho Hotel on February the second. Jerry Brown of Graybar Electric Company introduced Rod J. McMullen of the Water Users Association. Rod gave a talk on the theme, "Electricity Builds Jobs." Rod then introduced Mayor Jack William of Phoenix. The mayor then reminded the body of the necessity for electricity in our modern day living and also of the comfort that electricity has bestowed upon us in everything that we undertake. Jack also welcomed the audience to the banquet. Over 550 members of the electrical industry in Arizona were present.

Paul Scruggs, business manager of Local 640, Ernie Cannon of Phoenix, J. D. Kaiser of Tucson, Dave Walkington of Local 640 and a member of EJIB, were all guests of honor. Some of the guests seated in the body were Jerry Kellerher of NECA, Les Waggoner of Arizona Public Service and the Electrical Inspectors Association, Bob Tweedy of Graybar Electric, Cecil Clark of the Tucson Electrical Inspectors Department, P. L. Agnu,

## Long Service Cited by California Local



Awarding a 50-year scroll and pin in San Mateo, Calif., are from left: W. H. Diederichsen, business manager and financial secretary of Local 617; International Vice President O. G. Harbak; Paul Hamilton, the honored member and former business manager of Local 617, now on pension, and Charles J. Foehn, International Executive Board member. At right, Brother Foehn congratulates Al Moore on attaining 57 years of service with the Brotherhood.

Registrar of Contractors, A. E. Williams of the Building Trades, H. R. Pettit of Local 387, Bill West of Local 570, and J. M. Lauffield of the Phoenix Association of Home Builders.

The above-named people were mentioned just to give you an idea of the cross section attending the banquet.

The Electrical Distributors of Phoenix were the hosts of the Cocktail, I mean Cocktail Hour before dinner, excuse me, dinner. Ernie Cannon bestowed the honor of "Man of the Year" on Archie C. Peifer. Paul Scruggs received the award for Archie. Archie could not make the dinner because of illness at home. He was initiated on December 2, 1925 into Local 640 and has worked in the jurisdiction all of the time. He was married in 1930 and had two children. Archie has trained a good number of our apprentices who have looked to him for guidance and help on their way to becoming journeyman wiremen. The award that Archie received was a replica of Edison's first lamp along with a certificate of award. Hats off to you, Archie, for being the industry's "Man of the Year" but more than that for being just a plain ole good Brother.

Tony Whan, senior vice president of Pacific Outdoor Advertising, Los Angeles, California, was featured speaker of the evening. Right off the bat Tony brought it to the attention of the group that California has no smog problem. They just have a little body to their fresh air. He also said that California is the only place in the world where you can wake up to the coughing of birds. He came to the banquet with a sleeve full of statistics to show the importance of advertising in the electrical industry. He also brought out the importance of "pride of accomplishment" in our work. Tony's speech was one of the most interesting and enlightening that I have heard in a long time.



The 40-year members of Local 617 are, from left: Bosco Achille, Neil Comstock, Local President Frank Bouret, Oscar Peterson, Roland Midgley, and Noah Lambert.

The contract study committee has been working hard for the past three months in preparing a new contract with our employers. Other committees to which we owe a vote of thanks are the Bylaws, Apprenticeship, Educational, and the Building Committees. Enclosed is a picture of Brother Archie C. Peifer, of Phoenix, named "Man of the Year" by the electrical industry of Arizona in recognition of his long years of activity in that industry.

This local held election of officers in March and on April 1 the ballots were opened and the results are as follows: President, Jimmy Williams, Vice President, Ronnie Hughes; Recording Secretary, Bill Pusey; Treasurer, George Edmunds; Business Manager, Paul Scruggs.

Examining Board: Red Anderson, Mike Beck, Chic Brewer, Johnnie L. Hall, Ken Graham.

Executive Board: Inside — Don Wright; Outside — Earl Faulkner; Sign Workers — Earl Clark; Motor Winders — Lewis McCormick; Radio-TV Broadcast and Service, Sound and

Public Address — Robert LaRue; At Large — Bill Mahoney, B. E. Montgomery, Howard Ritchie. Hats off to both winners and losers. All of the offices were scenes of high competition.

While all of this young blood is about to enter office, one of our old members has received his retirement. On April 1, Brother H. S. Smith retired from the electrical industry. Smitty was born in Franklin, Pennsylvania. He started his apprenticeship at the Eclipse Works of the Atlantic Refining Company at Franklin in 1916. Charlie Amberson was the foreman at the time and the complete job went in 220V. DC on knob and tube. Soon after H. S. finished his apprenticeship he entered the service during WW I. He sailed overseas on the ninth of November and was returned to the states at the signing of the Armistice. He didn't even get a chance to get seasick.

He returned to Pennsylvania and worked around that state until 1929 when he struck out for Phoenix. While in Pennsylvania he was a member of local 56.

## Gala Celebration of Local's Birthday



Thanks to the fine work of this Banquet Committee the Twentieth Anniversary of Local 654 was marked with high festivities in Chester, Pa. The group's chairman, Brother Francis J. Coppola, is seated third from the right.



Brother Louis P. Marciante, International Executive Board member and speaker for the evening, is flanked by Local 654 Business Manager J. Herbert Chambers, on the left, and Local President Bernard B. Reilly.

He went to work at a steam plant for Central Arizona Light and Power Company and at that time Local 640 had 18 members. Frank McCabe was business manager. After a while things slowed up here and he had to return to Pennsylvania in 1930.

He returned to Phoenix in 1937 and Jerry Kindred was then business manager. Smitty was then sent back to the same job that he had left in 1930. This time he worked with Pete Turney and Earl Turley on the installation of additional generators and boilers. He worked with Bill DeBerge, Ray Pell, George Edmunds, Shorty Root, and Jess Bernard at Fort Huachuca on a job for the

United States Engineers. After that in Toole, Utah he worked with Blondie Eastman. He then worked in Kingman, Arizona with Bill Cravin, Garrett Simmons and Rolly Alexander.

While rewiring a power plant in Ajo, he got tangled up with some high voltage and was knocked out.

He came around only after Ed Devine had administered artificial respiration. After that he had to stay in the hospital for seven months. While working in Phoenix, on April 14, 1955, he got some creosol on his eyes as he was installing underground conduit. Paul Packer and Carl Slagle helped him out of the ditch and soon afterward he lost his sight.

A collection was taken up on all of the jobs and this was given to him as a present and he also received financial aid from the American Legion but he received no state compensation. Smitty was married in 1924 in Pennsylvania and had one son who is a public relations officer for the Public Service Company in Prescott, Arizona.

JOHN D. STUELAND, P.S.

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### Area and International Officers Join Celebration

L. U. 654, CHESTER, PA. — Wow! What a night, February 28, 1959, the 20th Anniversary Banquet of Chester Local No. 654. Warm greetings, friendly handshakes, snow white tables, popping corks, champagne bubbles, rich food, excellent coffee, valuable prizes, superb entertainment, music, dancing, the perfume of fresh cut flowers, and for some of the younger element who danced until the wee hours — the awesome changing lights of dawn and the start of our 21st year.

Local 654 was proud to be host to a number of business managers from Pennsylvania and nearby states, and the following distinguished International and other Officers who have given us so much support and encouragement: Charles H. Scholl, International Representative; William D. Walker, secretary, NECA; Jack Mullen, president, Delaware County Joint Labor Council, AFL-CIO; Clayton Smith, Sr., president, Pennsylvania State Electrical Association; James Laughlin, assistant business manager, Building and Construction Trades Council.

## *Hot Stick Training Program in Oregon*



Twenty-four foremen of the California-Oregon Power Company took part in the third Hot Stick Training Program held recently at Grants Pass, Ore. They are all members of Local 659, Medford, Ore. From left to right, starting with the back row are: Leonard Platko, Pappy Beene, Harley Brown, Murray Winbolt, Bill Rutter, Bill Richardson (on pole), Deane Jefferson, Jim Putman, George Weber, Harold Lucero, Lloyd Bolen, Walt Schweigert, Frank Steele, George Iremonger, Rocky Robison, Francis Rothery, Merl Bassett, Chet Coon, Frank Boardman, Art Johnson, Bill Weber, Don Rutter, Nick Kobernik, Johnny Gloster, Jackie Morgan, Maynard Atterbury, George Wright, Charlie Rodgers, Lowell Ray, Wes Yancey, and Del McGinnis.



Lakeview Uranium Reduction Plant, employing Local 659 men: Front row: Harold Wrigley; Clarence Bennett; Paul Nunnemacher; Percy Steers; Jack Burford; Frank Harvey; Hugh Stokes, and Ross Tucker. Center row: Al Stuber; Geo. Demetrikos; Orin Wyman; Murvel Lewis; Jim Halbrit; Fred Meek; Clarence Griffis, and Dick Bunker. Back row: Joe Rehmer; Lou Blair; Hustes Pritchard; Nick Error; Dale Cooper; Ralph Emmerson; Floyd Johnson; Geo. Oleson; Austin Sittman, and Geo. Payne. Missing: Max Reibert; Stan Fremersdorf; Bob Eaton; Ernie Speaker; Joe Klancky; Syl Smith, and Ted Rhoda.

Brother Louis P. Marciante, president, New Jersey State Federation of Labor and Executive Council Member of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, was the speaker of the evening and gave a most interesting and encouraging address.

We were also honored by the

presence of the Honorable Joseph L. Eyre, mayor of Chester, Pennsylvania; and Reverend Herbert E. Rowe, of St. Martin's Episcopal Church, who gave the Invocation.

Part of the evening's festivities was the presentation of 20-year pins to the surviving 52 members who 20

years ago, laid the foundation for the proud local we are today.

Our president, Brother Bernard B. Reilly, whose wisdom has helped guide us through difficult problems these last 20 years gave the "address of welcome."

Our personable business manager,

## Retirees from Local 659



Retired members honored by Local 659 Retirement Party are from left to right: Seth Bullis; Walt Childress; Clint Woodward; Bert Green; George Ware; Roy Williamson; Art Webster; T. Earl May; Fred Stevens; "Shorty" Foster; J. Ludo Grieve, and Ernie Snyder.

Brother J. Herbert Chambers, who has been drafted time and again to handle our business affairs, did his usual excellent job as toastmaster.

Local 654 has had other banquets but this one surpassed them all. Hats off to the chairman of the Banquet Committee, Brother Francis J. Coppola, and the following Brothers who were members of his committee: Arthur C. Murray, Jr., Daniel J. Chambers, Ralph E. Jones, Nicholas R. Feconda, Howard M. Bryan, Joseph J. Wiggins, Robert B. Loughead, James A. Dougherty, J. Herbert Chambers, Stanley Strzala, Richard L. Austin, J. Herbert Chambers, Jr., John P. Bascelli, Harry Medwid, Charles L. Tart, Charles B. Horth, Jr., John A. Grasso.

All of the nearly 500 persons who attended the banquet will never forget the swell job you did.

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At our regular meeting of April 23, the following members were elected to hold offices in the Chester Electrical Benefit Association:

President, William R. Simmons, Sr.; Vice President, Robert B. Loughead; Recording Secretary, Charles B. Horth, Jr.; Financial Secretary, Philip L. delPrado, Jr. Trustees for two years: Carl P. Temple and Marlin E. Lebo. Trustee for one year: Joseph W. Wilson. Trustees still in office for another year: Richard L. Austin and Howard M. Bryan.

We again urge those of our local union members who are not members of this beneficial association to take advantage of the protection offered by this well managed benefit association whose officers give freely of their time and experience.

Organized less than a decade ago without funds, this association has paid out benefits in greater proportion to the dues collected than any other; regardless of their size or method of management, and now

shows a surplus greater by far than early expectations.

These results are due to the ability and efforts of the past and present officers with the cooperation of the subscribing members, who well know and appreciate the protection afforded.

Local Union nominations and election of officers takes place on June 11 and June 25, respectively. Installation of officers will be at the first meeting in July. We expect in our next letter to list all our new officers. May their terms of office be two years of progress and prosperity for Local Union 654.

JAMES A. (Doc) DOUGHERTY, P.S.

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### Press Secretary Resigns To Pursue Scouting Duties

L. U. 659, MEDFORD, ORE.—Scouting and other varied duties have forced Brother Jack Roderick from active duty as press secretary of Local 659. He has taken on duties for the Boy Scouts of America in the Medford District Council. It was with reluctance that we accepted his resignation as press secretary after a job well done. He has joined many other members of 659 in this very worthwhile work. We look upon all of them with pride and say—CARRY ON.

The retirement of Brother Bert Green, February 1, after more than 37 years of service with the California Oregon Power Company, was the occasion for the gathering of more than 100 IBEW members and friends in the Medford Labor Temple. The retirement of Brother Bert was the spark which set off the get-together in honor of not just Bert, but 10 other retired Brothers of 659.

They were Walt Childress, Clint Woodward, George Ware, Roy Williamson, Art Webster, T. Earl May, Fred Stevens, Shorty Foster, J. Ludo Grieve, and Ernie Snyder.

A wonderful evening was had by all, with a minimum of speeches, loads of good fellowship and the spirit of Brotherhood predominating. The crowning touch of the evening was the Dutch lunch and refreshments served by the Blitz Weinhard Brewing Company of Portland, Oregon. The local expresses its gratitude to the committee in charge of the event, chaired by our Vice President Wilburn Ward, for the many hours of work arranging all of the details that went to make it the success that it was.

The semi-annual conference meeting of Local 659 was held March 21 in the Medford Labor Temple with delegates from 14 of the 17 unit locals meeting with the officers and Executive Board. Our local jurisdiction covers such a vast area that it is only at these conference meetings that we are able to have representation from our entire membership together at the same time.

We are in the process of revising our by-laws and dues structure. Considerable time was necessarily spent in discussion and explanation of the proposed changes. A unanimous ballot was cast by the members present in favor of the proposed changes who recommended submitting them to the membership. This has been done and a first reading has taken place in each unit local. Next month will hear a second reading and we will know the results of the balloting.

The reports of C. W. Crary, business manager, and Pat Paullin, assistant business manager, showed that we have completed some negotiations, we are in others and still others will be coming up in the near future. Negotiations completed with the utilities show an average of 4.2 percent gain in wages bringing the scale to \$3.23 for journeymen. Northwest Line Contractors negotiations have been completed with a wage increase of 18 cents per hour and the journeyman scale is now \$3.75.

Brother Gene Ridenour, former Oregon State apprenticeship representative for Southern Oregon, has accepted a similar position with the Northwest Line Constructors Chapter of NECA and is doing an excellent job with the apprentices. His former job in Medford has been taken over by Brother Frank Smith, recording secretary of 659. Frank has served for many years on our local apprenticeship council and has taken hold of his new duties like the veteran he is in that field.

Mr. Merl L. Bassett, safety engineer for the BPA, Mr. Francis Rothery, hot stick instructor from the Portland General Electric Company, Chet Kuhns, of the Safety Live Line Tool Company, along with C. C. Haggard and Don Rutter, safety engineers of the California Oregon Power Company, conducted a hot stick

school April 14 and 15 in Grants Pass, Oregon. These classes were attended by 24 foremen of the California Oregon Power Company representing 11 different districts, and the Transmission Department of that Company. All of the foremen are IBEW members of 659.

This is the third school of this type which has been held in Grants Pass. The first was for apprentices only. The second was for journeymen and a few apprentices. The third, as stated above, was composed entirely of foremen. In addition to hot stick training, Merlin Bassett conducted a four-hour class in rigging. Those present showed great enthusiasm for Merlin's lecture and demonstrations. It is the hope of the local that more of our members will have the opportunity to see these demonstrations in the future.

We are always interested in safety instructions which will decrease the hazards in the working conditions of our members. We are whole-heartedly behind all safety programs and are most happy to see COPCO conducting these schools. We hope that they will continue and broaden the coverage to include all members of all of their line crews.

Mr. Frank Boardman, Grants Pass superintendent for COPCO, made all local arrangements for these three schools. From what we hear, the boys wanted for nothing.

Those attending the sessions for the foremen were: William Weber and Nick Kobernick of Roseburg, Oregon; Frank Steele, Myrtle Creek, Oregon; W. W. Beene, J. D. Putman, L. M. Ray and William Richardson of Grants Pass, Oregon; M. Atterbury, Bill Rutter and Art Johnson of Medford, Oregon; Leonard Platko, Rocky Robinson and Murray Winbolt of the Transmission Department; Jack Morgan and Dean Jefferson of Yreka, California; Harold Lucero and George Weber of Dunsmuir, California; George Wright of Tulelake, California; West Yancey and Walt Swegart of Klamath Falls, Oregon; John Gloster of Alturas, California; George Iremonger of Lakeview, Oregon; L. Bolen and C. Rogers of Crescent City, California.

While we are on the subject of safety, we hear from Brother Bill Baxter, of the Coos-Curry Cooperative at Gold Beach, Oregon, that their company has been given a Safety Award from the Oregon State Industrial Accident Commission for completing 140,000 man hours of work without a lost time accident. Hats off to you boys and keep up the good work.

IBEW members in 659 jurisdiction completed a good-sized project in Lakeview, Oregon, around the first of this year. This project was a uranium reduction plant which is now in full operation. I regret that I do

not have more information on the job at this writing, however I am enclosing a picture of the majority of the members who worked on the job.

In closing, I am most happy to report the defeat of a Public Power bill in the Oregon State Legislature through the combined efforts of the Oregon IBEW Locals in some intensive lobbying efforts. Had this bill passed, it would have been like a knife in the back to our utility members in this state. It was defeated by one vote. Had it not been for IBEW lobbying, it would have passed by a large majority. Unfortunately the bill was sponsored by the Oregon AFL-CIO. We are justly proud of the part 659 played in the defeat of this bill.

DAN BASSFORD, President

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## Head of Union Electric Mourned in Richmond, Va.

L. U. 666, RICHMOND, VA.—Eugene F. Griffin, Sr., president of the Union Electric Company, Richmond, Virginia, died April 17, 1959.

Gene, as he was affectionately known to the old-timers of the trade, will be missed by the host of friends he left, both among the Contractors and the members of the Brotherhood.

It is impossible to trace the career of Gene Griffin—from apprentice electrician to head of one of the largest and most successful shops in Virginia—without recounting the history of his company, the Union Electric Company.

Eugene Francis Griffin was born October 9, 1892, in the Organ Hill section of Richmond, a community which has supplied more tradesmen than any other part of the city. He served his apprenticeship at the Tresnan and Jennings Electric Company and at Morris Hunter Electric Company. He qualified for his city card as journeyman in 1914. It was about this time he became a member of Local Union 666, IBEW. He worked for several area contractors and World War I found him working as a construction foreman at the Seven Pines Bag loading plant, an extensive munitions factory which was abandoned after the war.

With the signing of the Armistice, all war work was cancelled. About this time the union was negotiating for an increase to \$1.00 per hour. A strike vote was taken, and all shops were struck. The strike dragged on, with little chance of settlement. In January, 1919, a meeting of the local was called to devise a plan to get some income for the striking members, whose small savings were being used up. Here the Union Electric Company was born. The union members put up \$1,500, subscribing to stock in the new company.

The company's first manager was Bill Neblett, the business manager of the local. Later Gus Miller was manager of the firm. Leo Creamer was treasurer.

The first big job done by the Union Electric Company was the re-wiring of the *Richmond News Leader*, after that newspaper plant suffered a disas-

## Pioneer Member of L.U. 666 Dies



Eugene F. Griffin and his son Gene pose in front of the office and headquarters of the Union Electric Company. Picture was made shortly before death of Mr. Griffin, Senior.

trous fire. The entire payroll for the first year was \$12,500. It was not easy for the struggling young company to grow. It was "cash on the barrel-head" for all supplies. The workmen received 75 per cent of their wages in cash and accepted stock in the company for the other 25 per cent.

Some of the members became dissatisfied. The local decided it had no chance of winning the strike. The future of the Union Electric Company appeared very uncertain. But Gene Griffin felt that the company should continue in business. He offered to buy the firm, assume its obligations and buy up the outstanding stock from his Brother union members, on a dollar-for-dollar basis. Thus, Gene Griffin assumed control of a firm that has never hired any but union members, and has always paid union scale.

Lean years were ahead for Gene Griffin and the Union Electric Company. The twenties and early thirties saw the firm struggle against non-union competitors, substandard wages and poor working conditions. As a former employe put it, "Many a time I've seen Mr. Griffin leave the office on Friday morning trying to collect enough money from his customers to meet his payroll."

Gene did all that he could to further the interests of the Brotherhood. He insisted that each of his employes be members of the local. Jesse Austin, financial secretary of the local was employed by Griffin who allowed him to collect dues from the members. Union dues were payable at the Union Electric Company.

Henry M. Monohan, business manager of Local Union 666 for many years, also worked for Gene Griffin. Gene was helpful, arranging for Henry to leave the job whenever he had to attend to union affairs.

January, 1932, President Freeman, then an International Representative, met with Mr. Griffin, laying the ground work for the organization of the other shops in Richmond. Hard work by Gordon Freeman, Henry Monohan, Gene Griffin and "Totsy" Wilmer of the Chewning and Wilmer Electric Company bore fruit in March when union agreements were signed with 11 shops.

Griffin's oldest son, Gene, Jr., started his apprenticeship with the company and joined the Brotherhood in 1936. In 1943, his second son, Leo, was graduated from Virginia Polytechnical Institute with a degree in Electrical Engineering.

Both boys entered the service during World War II, leaving "the old man" to single-handedly steer the company through its greatest period of growth, successfully completing many defense and war-time contracts. Griffin's mainstay during those years was John F. Owens, shop foreman, now the financial secretary of this local.

Gene, Jr. and Leo returned from military service in January, 1946. They found the company in new and larger quarters at 318 East Franklin Street, Richmond, having been moved from 30 North Seventh Street.

Continued growth forced the Griffins to move again in 1955, this time to 1835 West Broad Street. And in 1957, the company moved into its present home on Westwood Avenue, a building designed for an electrical contracting business. Mr. Griffin, in a newspaper interview, prophetically stated, "This is the last time we will move the Union Electric Company."

Mr. Griffin gradually turned the operation of the company over to his sons, Gene, Jr. and Leo. Satisfying a long-standing desire, Leo in 1946 separated from the company and is now a successful consulting engineer.

The Union Electric Company is now in the hands of Eugene F. Griffin, Jr. Carrying his father's name, Gene, Jr. is already carrying forward the tradition of his father's sympathetic understanding and cooperation. Congratulations and best wishes go to Gene Griffin, Jr., president of a company with a payroll in excess of a half million dollars. And hats are off to his father, who liked nothing better than to be considered "one of the boys."

R. M. ROBERTS, P.S.

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## New Building to be Dedicated by L. U. 712

L. U. 712, NEW BRIGHTON, PA—The season of the year that we have all waited for so patiently has finally arrived. We in the construction field have especially waited for spring.

I don't have a very pleasant report to make on the work situation in this area. At our last regular union meeting, Business Manager, Michael Namadan, reported that most of our visiting Brothers have left this area. At present all of our members are still working, but the outlook for the future is questionable.

The 28th of June is the day we all want to keep in mind. That is the day on which we will celebrate our 45th anniversary in the electrical industry. From the reports I have received the day will begin with the dedication of our new building in the afternoon, and then in the evening we will have a dinner-dance at the Horizon Room of the Greater Pittsburgh airport.

I would like to take this opportunity to extend get well wishes to all our Brothers who are sick. Also, I would like to express my sympathy to the Borman family on the loss of Brother Borman who passed away last month.

Since my last writing, our business agent has entered the Rochester General Hospital. The nature of his ill-

ness is not known but we all wish him a speedy recovery.

Our bowling season finished last Friday, and with its conclusion I find that I have neglected to mention our duck pin league. This was not intentional and I'm sorry about this oversight.

We finally got the glass for our new meeting hall and our next regular meeting will be held there.

I have no more news at present, so I'll close. See you at the next meeting.

HERB RAWDING, P.S.

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## Electric Snowplows Are Serviced by L. U. 800

L. U. 800, SACRAMENTO, CALIF.—When the first heavy snow storm of the year hit the Sierra Nevada, the Southern Pacific Company had five electric snowplows ready for action.

The first electric rotary snowplow placed in service, proved so successful four others were converted from steam to electric operation this year in the SP's Sacramento shops.

An electric snowplow can handle 50 percent more snow than a steam plow and operate for 30 hours without stopping for supplies. The steam plows had a time limit of eight hours. Roller bearing journals instead of the older type friction bearings will make it possible to move the equipment to the point where it is needed in a much shorter time.

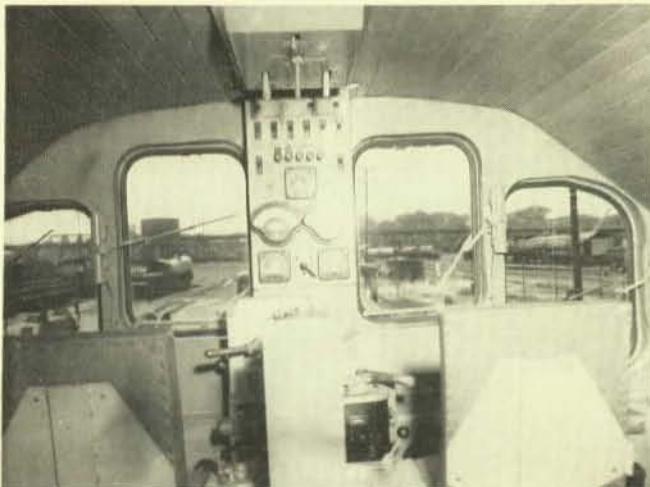
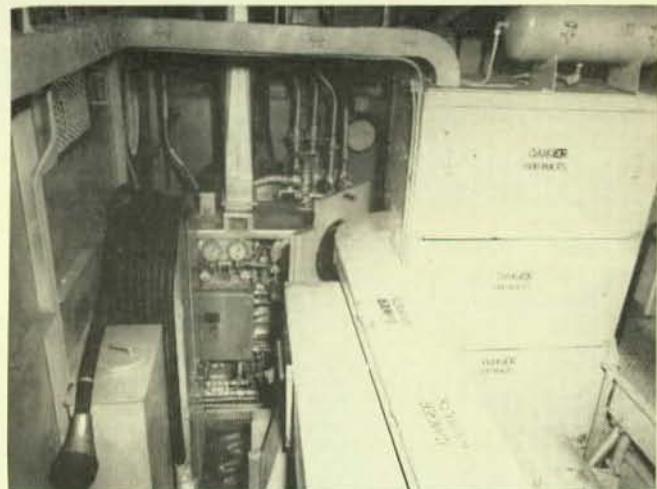
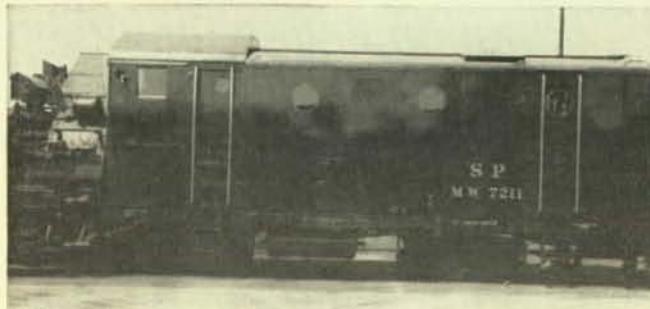
In the electric rotaries the snowplow operator, road foreman, engineer and fireman all ride in the front cab and operate the plow and the diesel pusher units from the same control panel.

The steam rotaries required a crew of six. The operator and road foreman rode in the front cab of the plow and an engineer and fireman in the rear cab operated the steam boiler which powered the fan wheel. Another engineer and fireman were needed to operate the diesel locomotive which pushed the plow.

In converting a steam snowplow to electric, the boiler is replaced by four traction motors from a B-type diesel unit. The tender which carried water and fuel for the boiler is replaced by the diesel unit from which the traction motors have been removed. Its 16 cylinder 1,500 horsepower diesel engine and generator furnish electric current for the motors which operate the snowplow fan. Motive power for the plow is furnished by two B units and an A unit, each of which develops 1,500 horsepower.

The plows make 15 to 20 miles an hour in dry snow and 8 to 12 miles per hour if the snow is wet and heavy. They can throw the snow as far as 100 feet on either side of the tracks. Each plow has a radio telephone for

## Sacramento Crews Service Snowplows



Upper left photo shows one of snowplows serviced by members of Local 800, Sacramento, Calif. Upper right shows main control panel, rear of unit. At left of photo is the steam generator used for de-icing and for heating the cab. Lower right are members of L. U. 800 who worked on snowplow. From left: Claude Veatch, E. P. Jones, J. Schuldies, Robert Mardesa, Robert Harper and Donald V. Clark. Lower left shows a view of the operating cab from behind seats.

communicating with dispatchers, passing trains, and wayside stations.

EVERETT P. JONES, F.S.

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### Local 827 Protects Lone Worker in Newark Manhole

L. U. 827, NEWARK, N. J. — Two representatives of Unit 2, Local 827 on March 29th picketed an unprotected manhole to which Bell Telephone Company had assigned one man to work alone on the midnight to eight shift. Adding to this unsafe condition was the fact that the manhole was on a heavily-traveled truck route and snow was falling.

"To top it off, gas was detected in the hole, and the location was in an area where gas leaks had been repeatedly reported to the Gas Company, and the street opened in several places by the Gas Company in an effort to find the leak."

Union representatives had requested the Telephone Company to provide a helper, but were refused.

As a last resort, Unit 2 members took turns protecting the splicer working below.

The pickets, P. Theodore Turner and William Delaney came to the

work site at midnight and found a fellow employee splicing wire below ground. The workman had a helper with him who left at 2:30 a.m. The two pickets then began their march, with signs reading: "This Manhole Unprotected, Man Working Alone, Guard Supplied by Telephone Workers Union."

Since in past years, there have been cases of asphyxiation and traffic accidents at sites of manhole work, the union is carrying on a campaign to have at least two men on the job. Also, presently, legislation has been proposed which would require three men on such an underground job, two below and one on the street level.

BOB BYRNES, F.S.

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### Brotherhood Described By Jackson, Tenn., Scribe

L. U. 835, JACKSON, TENN. — I keep reading in the papers that there has been more construction this past year than I can account for. If there has been so much construction, why do all the locals have so many men warming the bench? Maybe, with spring just around the corner we will be able to send men out on jobs.

Brother J. P. Branham is in Memphis hospital. I understand he is doing nicely. Keep your chin up Jess and make the pretty nurses walk the straight line.

As we have just celebrated Brotherhood Week over our Nation, I would like to express my interpretation of Brotherhood.

Brotherhood is a term subject to many interpretations.

Too many times, it seems to me, the word has been given meanings designed to promote some way of thinking foreign to the accepted understanding.

Maudlin sentimentality has used the word for its own ends.

In the true sense, brotherhood means an association either by like occupation and purposes, or by natural or assumed ties.

It implies an agreement to grant as well as expect certain freedoms and to understand and take certain mutual obligations.

The Declaration of Independence set up such a brotherhood in which its signatories stated their willingness to undergo any rigors for the common good, and certified their belief in the individual freedom of all.

Brotherhood Week, is a good time to think along those lines. We need

to recognize that brotherhood is a state entered upon voluntarily by the individual, in which each person gives to others and in return gains from them.

Brotherhood is a mutual undertaking in which all protect the rights of each member and each member respects the rights of every other member.

Brotherhood must come from the heart to be effective.

This is what brotherhood means to me, and I hope that I always live up to the standards of brotherhood in showing compassion to the brother next to me.

I appreciate the many letters I have received about the press report, and would appreciate hearing from each of you. Please give me your honest thoughts and chew me out when needed. Let me hear of the sick and let me have addresses of the sick so I may pass them along to our membership.

ANN L. PATE, P.S.

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## School for Membership Of L. U. 847, Rome, Ga.

L. U. 847, ROME, GA.—Members of the sub-local at Plant Yates recently started a school of "Simplified Electricity" for its members. Much interest was created in this venture and now a similar school has been started in the home local in Rome. Instructors for the classes held at the sub-local include: L. L. Pitts, superintendent at Plant Yates, E. L. Brundage, results engineer at Plant Yates, and Hugh Maddox, principal at Carrollton High School.

Classes at the sub-local are held Tuesday nights, Thursday nights, and Saturday mornings. Instructors for the home local include: L. I. Rude-seal, distribution engineer, on Monday nights, B. D. Jones, commercial sales engineer, on Tuesday nights, and K. R. Cormany, test engineer, on Saturday mornings.

Local 847 is very fortunate in securing the services of these well-qualified men. Many of the supervisory personnel have joined our members in these classes and we feel we will be highly repaid for our time spent in acquiring this knowledge. The course is sponsored by the Division of Vocational Education, Georgia State Department of Education and the only cost to the members is the purchase of the book.

Another highlight of the month was the moving of our office and meeting headquarters to the new Textile Workers' Union Hall on North Avenue in Rome. We trust that each of our members will be pleased with this new location and show their appreciation of the nice building by attending our meetings regularly.

One of our members said, "This building should be a monument to working men and women and should be looked upon with great pride."

Three delegates were sent from our local this month to various meetings. Brothers: E. D. McNeil and F. C. Robinson attended a meeting of "Electric Utilities" in Knoxville, Tennessee. Brother Clyde E. Howell attended a meeting of COPE in Jacksonville, Florida on the 17th and 18th of March. The members are very happy to send these delegates as we find the information they bring back very helpful in our many phases of union activities.

The local is very happy to welcome into its membership Brothers: O. E. McClure, J. W. McGee, H. L. Sekinger, M. L. Wood and E. C. Turner whose travel cards were accepted in March.

We are always sorry to hear of the sickness of any of our members and this month we would like to wish a speedy recovery to Brothers: H. W. Fain, E. C. Durrett, J. D. Whiteside, W. T. Shumate, R. G. Knight, Corbin, and Postell.

Drawing for \$22.00 door prize climaxed our meeting of March 20th. Brother C. G. Grice's name was drawn. Since he was present, he was the recipient of our much coveted door prize.

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The right representation in the political offices of our Government plays a very important role in union activities. Realizing the importance of this issue, members of 847 have started a campaign for the registration of eligible voters in this district. Brother E. C. Howell, a member and past president of our local has been very active in this program by checking the registration list for names, placing posters in different locations, and making personal contacts. It is emphasized that dependents who will be 18 years of age this year are eligible to register since there are not going to be any regular elections. With all the members registered and using their influence the results should be very rewarding.

"Open house" and dedication ceremonies of the new T.W.U.A. Union Hall, where our office is located, was a gala occasion for numerous Romans. Many visitors came by our office and complimented us very highly on our newly-acquired furnishings and equipment.

President F. C. Robinson attended a special meeting of the Southeastern System Council in Pensacola, Florida on April 18th. During the absence of our president, Vice President T. E. Buford conducted the meeting of April 17th.

Attending this meeting were six of the shop stewards from various locations throughout the division. They were: R. I. Hood, Austell;

E. M. Camp, Carrollton; H. C. Bonhannon, Cartersville; G. W. Jackson, Cedartown; C. H. Bentley, Plant Yates at Newnan; and C. E. Baird, Plant Hammond at Rome. All shop stewards of the local are very active, but due to the distance to their respective locations it is difficult for them to attend all of the meetings.

Recuperating from various illnesses are Brothers: E. M. Windom, R. T. Rakestraw, J. C. Youngblood, John Gray, W. E. Corbin, W. T. Shumate, and B. J. Daniel. We are very happy to announce that none of these men are listed as being in critical condition. The local sends good wishes to all these men and are looking forward to their return to work.

Classes in "Simplified Electricity" are progressing very nicely. Many illustrations have been made by various testing devices, films, and experimental apparatus. Demonstrations of this type have made the course more interesting and easier to absorb.

The first four months of this year have proved to be very successful in our local and the membership is looking forward to even better things in months to come.

WESLEY F. EDMONDS, P.S.

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## How Taft-Hartley Law Hurts Told by L. U. 910

L. U. 910, WATERTOWN, N. Y.—Here, 'tis spring, and we have just come out of hibernation. Understand that it was really an old-fashioned winter, no let up from fall till spring. Of course, there are some Brothers, I know, who toil like beavers in summer and when winter sets in, they go South to play and fish.

We are sorry to report, that our Business Manager, Walter Maxim has been in the hospital. However, at this writing, he is now home convalescing. We hope for his speedy recovery. His assistant, Donald Eldridge is more than busy in the meanwhile.

Our sincerest regret is expressed for the passing of three of our Brother members who passed away this year, namely, Ambrose McQuillen, Louis Fischer and Stewart Smith.

Electrical work on the St. Lawrence Seaway was completed last fall. The power phase which is being done by New York State is almost completed. By September, this year, all 16 generators will be on the line at Barnhart Island Powerhouse. The Bechtel Corporation started to build a new Aluminum Plant for Reynolds Metals in 1957 and as of now it is about 80 per cent complete.

General Motors Plant will be ready for fabrication about May 1st, with ingots. Reynolds expects to furnish hot metal to General Motors in June. At present on the Reynolds job, there are about 250 Electricians. The peak

was last fall, with over 500 men. The majority of journeymen, working in our territory, the last four years, have been travelers from all over the United States and Canada. Over-all they were very good men to work with.

Very soon, the lakes and rivers will be free of ice, the United States Coast Guard will distribute their shoal buoys, then the official shipping season will open. This opening, for the first time, will see 27-foot draft shipping enter the St. Lawrence from the Atlantic Ocean, proceed through several locks to the Great Lakes and then to the rich ports of the Middle West, unload their imports, reload with exports and then sail back to their home port across the Atlantic.

A few words now, to describe a new trend in management and union relations, which I have observed in our territory. Heretofore, when a construction job was winding up, resident or local journeymen were kept on and travelers were terminated. Under the Taft-Hartley Law this is called discrimination. Of course, management likes that, because by using the same tactics as Russia, "dividing us, we fail."

Under this setup, a local man is penalized and has to ride the bench or travel, while a traveler journeyman stays on the job. Now, the majority of 910 men have been traveling for years and often wished that a large job would break in our jurisdiction. It has come to pass, but what do we get? A reply, "sit there, can't hire you."

It looks as though we will eventually turn into a band of gypsies, no more permanent homes and last but not least, the curtailment of traveling expenses on Federal and State Income Taxes would ruin a bank account and change a respectable and peace-loving journeyman Brother into a mean, irresponsible workman. In fact, he would become so bad, he would tend to hate his own family.

There is an answer and the only answer we can use. *Get out and vote at all elections.* Read your JOURNAL, which gives you the facts about how your government representatives really represent you. If they are not to your liking, vote at next election for someone more representative to your interests.

*Take all eligible voters in your family to the polls next election.*

W. E. "BUCK" BAILEY, P.S.

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## Work Slow in Ventura L. U. 952 Scribe Reports

L. U. 952, VENTURA, CALIF.—It's been a long time but we're back in print again. Ventura's been seeing some rough weather but we think we

## Local 827 Guards Unprotected Worker



P. T. Turner and William Delaney, members of Local 827, Newark, N. J., picket an unprotected manhole where a fellow-unionist had been detailed to work by Bell Telephone. Laws are now pending which would require sufficient men for safety.

are beginning to pull out. It's about time too. It seems that every time we open a can of beans it's the last one. That is, it's usually the last one, because the last one we opened wasn't beans, it was corn. But my wife being providentially prudent, carefully peeled off the label, threw it in the pot and made succotash.

Printer's ink is very tasty too we found out and unwittingly mentioned it to a few friends. At the last meeting there were quite a few besmudged faces and backs of hands which had been used for the age old custom of wiping greasy lips. This label chewing is going to develop into a fad if the work doesn't pick up soon.

Some of the local men have reported that 20-dollar bills taste good too. Several of our visitors have decided to pool their resources and try one.

In other words we don't have a lot of work at the present time in spite of flattering reports that have leaked out. Most of our local men are working but our visiting Brothers are having a pretty tough time of it.

Our work is largely at Point Mugu

and Port Hueneme, both government installations. The "Hill" which fed us so sumptuously in the past is nearly at a standstill. The shops are full and so is the hall.

Our Business Agent, Ray Hulse, is up to his ears in his new job. Ray is very systematic and outspoken, asks no favors and gives none — "sign the book, boy."

By the way, if you have a news item for the JOURNAL you want printed I am listed in the phone book. There is a minimum charge of 25 cents to have your name in print and 50 cents for quotation marks!

That's all from Ventura. Bye now.

A. J. "BUZZ" GIBBONS, R.S.

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## Two Are Retired From L. U. 1073, Ambridge, Pa.

L. U. 1073, AMBRIDGE, PA.—The regular monthly meeting held in April was not a relaxing session for our local president, Ernest Kalembert. It was a grueling session. With lots of our members being laid off due to a

slack period, their patience is being over-taxed. The Executive Board will not relax until all employees are back to work.

Herbert Hartle, Machine Shop, was proud to see his daughter Betsy Ann capped at Mercy Hospital School of Nursing, Pittsburgh.

Mike Dzan, Rocket Department, who lives in Leetsdale was looking over the disrupted Beaver Road, damaged by a rock slide. This is the second time a rock-slide has blocked Beaver Road. He would like to notify Leetsdale Council as to the best solution.

I hope to have more news when more employees are back to work. The officers are wishing for a speedy recovery from this slack period, so that there will be full employment for all.

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The regular monthly meeting in March lasted until 10 p.m. Our local president, Ernest Kalember, gave everyone a chance to speak, as the lay-off period looks bad at this time. We do hope and trust that we will see a definite upswing in employment.

In our local newspaper we noticed a picture of two of our members being congratulated on their retirement. One is young-looking Matt Lukas, who worked 30 years in the Testing Department, and the other is Harry Lazar, who has 26 years of service in the Weather proof Department, National Electric Division of H. K. Porter Company. All employees wish you many happy days ahead, Matt and Harry!

Nick Kalabokes, lead press, has a very good suggestion. He proposes that all locals write to their Congressmen to have the tax deduction changed from \$600 to \$1200.

George Cain, Machine Shop, claims that the news I submit from our local is not much of a newsletter. I will try to remedy this. Of course, I don't like to hear such news as that about Brother Chin being caught in a speed trap at Leetsdale.

Andy Cekovich, pipefitter, who lives in Aliquippa, says he has the filter man's thinking and that is why he is staying single, but knows that at his age he should be married. So when the right girl comes along he then will say, "have wife will travel."

John E. Quaye, Shipping Department, passed away at the age of 49. He was with the company for 30 years. Our sympathy goes to his wife.

Steve (Cookie) Kucan, Rocket Department, probably is the happiest man since he is working seven days a week. Everybody would be happy if all those that are laid off for an extended period, would be working five days a week. Working conditions have been particularly slow in some departments, but we are looking for brighter days ahead.

## Ambridge Parader



Jan Colades, L. U. 1073, dressed as George Washington, takes part in a local celebration at Ambridge, Pa.

The Social Benefit Fund of Local 1073 will hold its picnic July 25th at Ambridge Firemen's Park, Fair Oaks, Pennsylvania.

Accompanying this article also you will notice a picture of Jan Colades, a member of the Social Benefit Fund Committee, dressed as George Washington. He will be glad to help any organization in making its celebration a success.

JOHN GOZUR, P.S.

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## L. U. 1158 Boosts Cause Of Political Action

L. U. 1158, NEWARK, N. J.—At the April 21, 1959 general meeting held at our meeting rooms in the Labor Lyceum in Newark, our business manager, Larry Calabro gave a very warm and interesting talk on how important it is to support the drive in reference to COPE.

All shop stewards were given COPE books and were asked to get behind the drive.

Mr. Calabro also spoke on the question of the unemployment situation in different parts of our country that prevails in the lighting fixture business.

The members in Local 1158 felt very happy when they were told that there is no unemployment in our local. Everybody is working and the shops are all going ahead.

We are happy to announce that Canber Lighting has moved to larger quarters since production has increased. Also, congratulations are in order for Monarch Lighting which also has moved to larger quarters.

Our deepest sympathy goes to his family upon the death of one of our good members, C. D. Pasquali.

ROBERT KRAVITZ, P.S.

## Utility Local 1209 Has Negotiated New Contract

L. U. 1209, MERIDIAN, MISS.—We thought we had better let the JOURNAL readers hear from the "Heart of the New South" and the nice group of fellows that make up our local union. We operate on the Mississippi Power Company property along with three other sister locals. They are 1204, Hattiesburg, Mississippi, 1210, Laurel, Mississippi and 1211 Gulfport, Mississippi. We are so closely connected it is like one big local operating. We are all members of the South Eastern System Council.

We have about 100 members on the average in our local all the time. All seem to be a pretty happy bunch of fellows. We feel we have good working conditions and a good utility company to work for.

We completed negotiations in October for a new contract and wages. We got 5 percent across the board, also some adjustments in some classifications. This brought our shift operators in the steam plants to \$3.28 per hour. Our line foremen to \$3.25, operators in the plants to \$2.90 and our linemen to \$2.84 per hour. There were a few changes in the contract on working conditions. The contract will run for two years with wages open for negotiation in one year.

We feel the fellows on the Negotiation Committee did a fine job. They were: W. H. Galyean, president of the local, J. O. Harrison, L. H. Barnhill and H. C. Hensarling, committeemen.

Our local is composed of two-thirds linecrew personnel and one-third steam plant personnel. We have a nice clean modern steam plant of 100,000 Kw capacity, which is interconnected with other generating plants servicing the Southeast. The Mississippi Power Company has expanded tremendously in the last few years and we are happy to say it is still expanding.

We had a new plant to go into operation in 1957 of 84,000 Kws on the Gulf Coast and another unit of the same size is being added to it now which will go into operation in 1960.

These new plants have created new jobs and promotions for the personnel throughout the company, which is very pleasing to us.

The company each year awards the department with the best safety record a banquet. We are happy to say the steam plant (Plant Sweatt) won this year, as well as last year.

On February 25, the company honored the men of Plant Sweatt with a supper (real steak) and each man was awarded a gift as well as a nice plaque for the plant. We are proud of our safety record, and hope to win each year from now on.

Death paid a close call to two of our linemen on February 6. The high voltage pole they were working on fell and they rode it to the ground without a scratch. Surely this was an act of God that they were not killed. The foreman is still pretty shook up over this and I know the boys that were on that pole are, after having such a close call.

We just finished up the hunting season. Some of the fellows had good luck or at least they are still eating deer and quail.

Now the fishing fever has caught up with us so we look for some tall tales before long. We would like to invite you fellows to some good fishing and vacationing if you are down this way.

Would just like to say in closing we have enjoyed articles like "Fifty Years as a Boomer." Give us more of this type writing.

L. H. BARNHILL,  
Member, Executive Board.  
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## L. U. 1245 Holds Annual Unit Executive Conclave

L. U. 1245, SAN FRANCISCO, CALIF.—"Operation Security," the theme of our 4th Annual Unit Executive Conference, proved to be the right kind of program to attract unit leaders from all over the vast jurisdiction of Local Union 1245.

The participants — 435 of them including prominent guests, gathered at the Hotel Claremont in Berkeley, California, on April 11 and 12, 1959, "to examine the impact of technological advances on wages, hours and working conditions of employees in the utility industry." The conference was ably chaired by President Charles Massie.

Speakers included L. L. Mitchell, assistant business manager on "Man-Technology Relationships," Norman Amundson, business representative on "Automation—Its Use and Abuse," W. S. Wadsworth, administrative assistant on "Job Security—Fact or Fantasy?" and Ronald T. Weakley, business manager on "The Union's Role In Your Future." All are on the local's business staff.

The Saturday evening dinner session included addresses by Thomas N. Saunders, chief of the Division of Industrial Safety, State of California, who spoke on "Government views the aspects of Atomic Radiation," and Ted F. Silvey, AFL-CIO National Staff Member and author of "Labor and Automation," who spoke on "Automation and Human Problems."

Rising at 6:30 a.m. on Sunday, the hard-working participants had breakfast and were on the job at 8:00 a.m. in 14 separate workshop sessions, led by members of the business staff. Subjects considered in the workshop

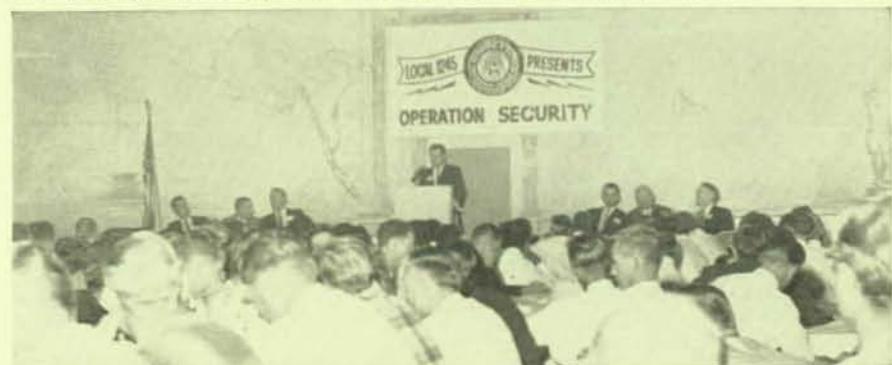
## "Operation Security" by Local 1245



Conference delegates and guests, some 435, who attended "Operation Security."



Discussing utility workers' problems are, from left: L. U. 1245 benefit committee man Don Chave, Local 47 B. M., Al Coughlin, L. U. 1245, Asst. B. M., M. A. Walters; Local 111 B. M., J. R. Aemmer, Local 57, B. M., V. G. Pearson, Local 1011, Area Rep., J. A. Martinez and Local 1245, B. M., R. T. Weakley.



A speaker at the rostrum as he addressed participants attending conference.

sessions included: 1 Atomic Energy—"A look at the future problems of the Utility employee in the peaceful use of the atom"; 2 Automation—"Its development and possible effects on the Utility employee"; and 3 Union Functions—"How your union can best meet the challenge of the new technology."

The Conference was then summarized and following lunch, the unit leaders scattered over California and Northern Nevada to bring the message to the membership.

Guests included International Ex-

ecutive Council Member Charles J. Foehn; AFL-CIO Regional Director Dan Flanagan; 9th District International Representative Otto Rieman; Nick Frye, vice president, California State Association of Electrical Workers, IBEW; J. Randolph Aemmer, business manager, Local Union 111, Denver, Colorado; V. G. Pearson, business manager, Local Union 57, Salt Lake City, Utah; Vern Hughes, business manager and Tommy Hammond, Local Union 465, San Diego, California; Al Coughlin, business manager and J. M. Kelly and Mike Piwowarski,

business representatives, Local Union 47, Alhambra, California; John Lappin, business manager, Telephone Local Union 1011, San Francisco, California; Paul M. Simpson, business manager, Chemical Workers Gas Council, Los Angeles, California; Horace Weller and Albert Craig, engineers and scientists of California; Brownie Lee Jones of the American Labor Education Service, New York; Morton Raphael, Coro Foundation; J. L. Childers, Alameda County Building Trades Council; Lillian Elner,



R. T. Weakley



Ted F. Silvey



Dan Flanagan  
O.E.I.U. 29, Oakland, California; and distinguished visitors from Japan, Kenichi Koshimura, Hirojiro Okamatsu, officers of the Electric Power Workers Union of Japan and Riichi Hirata, officer of the Pharmaceutical Workers Union of Japan and John Yarmola, Union Label and Service Trades Departments, AFL-CIO.

Special praise for a fine job done must go to Assistant Business Manager Mert Walters and Administrative Assistants Al Hansen and our Conference Secretary, Miss Joan Mills who, along with the staff, handled arrangements for the conference.

It is hoped that next year, Local 1245 will have a bigger and better educational conference to further the understanding and welfare of our entire membership.

RONALD T. WEAKLEY, B.M.

### Local 1285 Hails Work of Florida State Labor Council

L. U. 1285, TAMPA, FLA.—Hello

again from this part of central Florida. Spring is in the air again, and it's still good to be alive!

You will notice a new press secretary this month. We regret Mora Fussell had to resign because of ill health.

Another resignation we were sorry to accept was that of Vice-President Inez Samuels back in December. Inez resigned to devote more time to her family and home, but is still a faithful worker as stewardess in the Tampa office. Appointed in her place was Executive Board member Jennie Taylor of Sarasota. Replacing Jennie on the board is Pearl Smith of Bradenton. We are very pleased to have these capable people with us.

A lot of you are now familiar with some of the resolutions adopted by the 1958 convention of the Florida State Federated Labor Council. We are pleased to learn a great number of these resolutions were introduced at the 1959 Legislature. Among these was "equal pay for women on comparable work"; to which, I might add, we girls are glad to know we still can be recognized and appreciated for the amount of work we are capable of doing. Local 1285 was pretty well represented at this convention (held in Lakeland). Attending were Frances Paynter, President; Inez Samuels, Odell Moore, Shirley Wohlers, Beverly Ivey and myself.

At our December monthly meeting we each brought a toy for a child which we then donated to one of the Childrens' Homes in Tampa. Pictured in this issue of the JOURNAL is a snapshot of a few of the members who took part in this event. In Lakeland, the members in that office collected money among themselves to sponsor a family of eight. They were able to collect enough money to buy fuel, clothing and toys for the entire family. Many others helped in ways too numerous to itemize.

MARIE COLLINS, P.S.

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### Work Is Slow In Area Says L. U. 1383 Writer

L. U. 1383, BALTIMORE, MD. — Your Scribe Sears reporting. In writing the good and the bad and the in-between news which has occurred during the past month, we shall dispose of the bad report first. There has been no improvement in the manpower situation, thus creating a possible annual leave or furlough problem. We certainly hope that the new fiscal year will show improvement, but that is yet to be seen.

Now for the brighter side of our report. From the meeting hall, the talk is mainly on how to get the members to the meetings. Our local union business requires intelligent discussions and planning, so Brothers

### Local 1285 Toys



A few of the members of Local 1285 who participated in the "Toys For Needy Children" drive for 1958.

if you will, and I hope you will, please attend all your local meetings and help contribute some constructive suggestions. We know you have it in you.

Officers and members of Local Union 1383 wish to say "thanks," that is, to express their deep appreciation to officers and members of Local Union 26 for the opportunities they have given our Brothers who are working in their jurisdiction.

With the summertime arriving, watch out for those playful children in the streets. Drive safely, work safely and preach safety, and you will have it made.

Greetings to each and every one of you fellow workers, from the officers and members of this local union, and also to the officers and members in our new states of Alaska and Hawaii. It is so wonderful to extend the glad welcome hand to each and every one of you. I consider this a great privilege to be among the first members to congratulate you charming folks. We hope that through this medium we shall prove that our friendship is everlasting.

In regard to news of the United States Coast Guard Yard, as of this writing the situation remains unchanged. In my judgment it is just about holding its own. With the appropriation still to be determined and the work load very light, the fiscal year will just about clear. I hope to have better news for you in the next report.

From the meeting hall, Brother Burkhardt and the rest of the hard-working officers are trying to find ways and means to impress the membership to attend meetings more often. So please come to YOUR meeting hall and help the officers with YOUR union business. It will make you feel better by doing so.

Having the pleasure of being assigned to a job in the vicinity of

Dickerson, Maryland, your scribe is in contact with quite a large number of co-workers from all over. There are so many fellow men on this one project that it is hard to keep up with them. It would take about three days to write about every one who would like to say "hello." I think I shall leave that up to the press secretary of Local Union 26.

REUBEN SEARS, P.S.  
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## Negotiations Period Is Approaching Local 1439

L. U. 1439, ST. LOUIS, MO.—In the past several weeks there have been a few conventions and important meetings which our business manager and local union president have attended.

Business Manager Roedder always explains for the enjoyment of all, the important topics discussed, and also gives his point of view and expresses his own feeling on the most important points.

President Myers is another fine expounder of thoughts on important topics. It is a pleasure to have these discussions brought out and talked over.

We are swinging into the time of negotiations, and in the very near future we will bring the results to you here in the JOURNAL.

Sports activities in and around St. Louis are getting quite a bit of notoriety, too. Most of it is great. Baseball is starting up — columns are spreading their predictions for the season.

The winter season, though uncomfortable, has not been what one would call bad — a little snow, some quite cold weather, then ahoy, spring is about here.

In coming issues will bring you highlights of our future stewards' dinner, human interest stories and several other nice little articles.

DICK SHINNICK, P.S.  
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## No-Speech Dinner-Dance Enjoyed By Local 1464

L. U. 1464, KANSAS CITY, MO.—February 28, Local 1464 held its first dinner dance in honor of all members who have finished their apprentice training and also to honor all retired members.

To say that the party was a huge success would be putting it mildly. The food was served buffet style and was delicious. The music, furnished by Larry Phillips Band, was wonderful.

There were no speeches or anything to keep any of us from having a wonderful time. From the word go-ing around all who were there say

## Local 1464 Honors Its Apprentices



Apprentices honored during annual dinner dance included, rear row from left: Ware, Rutherford, Miley, J. Clarke and Thrasher. In front: R. Baldwin, Williamson, Zigler and Windisch. Retired members were also honored.

that they are going to be there next year and the ones who didn't attend have found out that they missed out on a good time and are planning to be there next year.

This month your reporter visited in the districts and will report on his trips with pictures next month.

We regret to report the deaths of two retired members. Charles E. Cook passed away February 24. Ira L. Steffee, retired troubleman, passed away March 1. Our sympathies are extended to the survivors of both men.

John F. Crane, system maintenance operator, retired last month after 37 years of service.

## P.S. of Local 1496 Weds



Hazel Matthews, press secretary of L. U. 1496, was married June 14 to Earl B. Savage, Jr., of Fort Walton Beach, a member of Local 1055.

Well 19th and Campbell is no more as far as 1464 members are concerned. Our new Front and Manchester Service Center is in full swing. Your reporter has heard so many different comments on the new building that he is prone to comment one way or the other.

Don't forget that this is election year in our local. Nominations in May, Election in June, and Installation in July.

The jack-pot started in January has not been won yet and in April it was \$40.00. Come on out to the meeting, you could be the lucky one!

JOHN F. HOWELL, P.S.  
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## Hazel Matthews, L. U. 1496, Makes It All-Union Union!

L. U. 1496, TALLAHASSEE, FLA.—Here it is, good ole springtime in Florida again; trees and flowers in bloom and beautiful in their spring colors. The weather is mild and thoughts go toward a chance to begin outings again . . . fishing trips, picnics, and a happy time ahead.

As for work — many phones are being installed for legislature which meets again this year in Tallahassee. Also many departments in our state buildings and other buildings are moving around and the boys have had lots of work. In some departments, however, work has slowed down while in others it has picked up. One thing for sure — there is nothing nicer than having a phone handy when you need one or to have one to make you feel more secure and save many steps a day.

I am happy to say your reporter finally won the door prize last meeting night after nearly nine years of being with the union. I know or had

hoped my name would come to the top someday but I didn't know it would take quite that long.

Members who have news or snapshots they would like in the JOURNAL, please see your reporter. All contributions are welcomed.

We are still trying to decide on the best insurance plan for the union and its members.

Local 1496 sends its sympathy to those of you who have lost loved ones since our last issue. There have been several and we wish to say there are others who help share your sorrow with you. Friends mean a lot during times like this especially.

Our president, Harry E. Walker, has made several trips to Crestview within the past months to union meetings there. They come from all the towns around to the meetings at Crestview which serve as headquarters for West Florida. We have some good union members over there who are very faithful to our local. I wish we could have 100 per cent in all our locals . . . maybe in the next 50 years we can make the halfway mark!

Until next issue — be happy and smile. "A face that cannot smile is never good" . . . Martial. "Wrinkles should merely indicate where smiles have been." — Mark Twain.

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The telephone company ball team started off with a bang this season—they are winning more and losing less. George Harvey is manager again this year. We wish you lots of luck with the team, George! Keep up the high score. I have two brothers on the team this year but since the girls don't have a team I guess I'll have to watch the boys and cheer for them.

Union citizens, as this goes to press, your Press Secretary is in the midst of wedding plans and by the time you read this article the "big day" will probably be over and the honeymoon too . . . June 14th . . . and then down to the routine of making a living while thinking of two then instead of myself . . . unless I retire and let him make the living for both of us. He is union too but did you ever see union men or telephone folks retire and get rich . . . no, I haven't either . . . so I guess we can continue working. I'll be living in Ft. Walton after June so if I transfer with Southeastern Telephone Company over there and continue with the union I will try to carry on with the correspondence with the JOURNAL as usual and maybe we can get news from the other end then — West Florida area. If I go fishing and catch a big fish I'll put a snapshot of it in the JOURNAL for all of you hometown folks to see . . . (IF IT is a little one — you'll never know . . . I'll have to borrow a big one from someone).

I've enjoyed being with Local 1496 of Tallahassee these past almost nine years now and belonging to it has been rewarding. You meet new friends, share experiences, serve in office and feel you belong . . . like one big family. You usually find there what you're looking for — friendship or otherwise. I hope to continue my union membership when I move to West Florida . . . and leave my native hometown . . . with all its memories, I have enjoyed being your treasurer for the local these past years and handling your money as I didn't have any to handle of my own. Good luck to the one taking my place . . . it's been a joy.

All you telephone workers planning vacations now . . . enjoy yourself . . . make the most of nature and all the beautiful sights God has created for us — Remember, "This is My Father's World" . . . so "Be Still and Know That I AM God" — These are familiar phrases . . . pause and take time to be still and look around you — enjoy the things you never knew were there before and the peace a vacation can bring — if you will let it.

For this issue — Bless the good in all of you . . . Good-bye Tallahassee! Hello West Florida!

HAZEL L. MATTHEWS, P.S.

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## Local 1505 Holds Farewell Dinner and Benefit Show

L. U. 1505, WALTHAM, MASS. — A farewell dinner, honoring Teddy Woods, chief steward in Local 1505 at Wayland Plant for the past four

### L.U. 1505 President



President John F. O'Malley of Local 1505, Waltham, Mass., has been elected first vice president of South Middlesex Labor Council.

years, was held at a Boston hotel. Those attending included International Representatives Francis X. Moore and Richard Rogers, the officers of Local 1505, assistant business managers, and fellow chief stewards. Teddy is leaving the Local and taking a new position. Business Manager "Andy" McGlinchey presented Teddy a watch from his fellow Chief Stewards and officers of the local, and thanked him for the excellent efforts he rendered to Local 1505 as chief steward over the past four years and wished him success in his new field of endeavor.

Over five hundred friends of John Shaw attended a benefit show and dance at the Local Union Hall on St. Patrick's evening. John was seriously injured by an explosion in the ammonia building at the Waltham Plant and faces a long period of convalescence. The committee wishes to express its appreciation to all the members for making the affair such an outstanding success. Your reporter compliments the members of the vaudeville acts for donating their services. Special praise is also due to the members of the committee for their untiring efforts in making the show so successful.

The attendance at this dance was very gratifying. It causes me to again ask each and every member of Local 1505 to make a greater effort to attend the monthly meetings. Many members have never attended a meeting since the acquisition of our new union hall. Why not make an effort to attend at least an occasional meeting. Greater strength of a local can only be obtained by more active participation of all the members. Hope to see more members the second Sunday of the month at 5 p.m. at 545 Main Street, Waltham — YOUR UNION HALL.

When this month's article is printed the vacation season will be here. President John F. O'Malley, on behalf of all the officers of Local 1505, wishes to take this opportunity to wish each and every member a very pleasant vacation. May I add that vacation time is a time to rest and relax — not to speed.

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Local 1505 was well represented at the annual conference and dinner of the Lawrence Central Labor Council. President John F. O'Malley and Legislative Agent Lawrence Thomson headed the local's representatives. Chief Steward Walter Sheehan, Stewards Joseph Paglia, Alex Mackie, and James Parkas represented the Lowell Plant while Chief Steward Joseph Tourville, Assistant Chief Steward Ray Keene and Steward Gladys Holland were the Andover representatives.

Twenty members of the local are attending a Union Counselor Class sponsored by the Greater Boston La-

bor Council, AFL-CIO in cooperation with the Metropolitan Boston United Fund. Union Counseling is the AFL-CIO program of providing specially-trained members of local unions to assist their fellow workers with various outside problems which cannot be solved through collective bargaining or regular union procedure. I feel sure that all members of the local will benefit from the knowledge that these 20 members of the local will acquire from this class.

"Connie" Morgan represented Local 1505, at the annual "open house" and dinner of the Waltham Boys' Club. A games demonstration period by the youthful members and a tour of the recreational facilities of the club preceded the dinner. "Connie," by the way, is the senior office holder in Local 1505, and is now serving her 14th consecutive year as Recording Secretary.

Business Manager Andrew A. McGlinchey and Assistant Business Manager Hugh McEvoy attended the annual progress meeting of the New England locals of the IBEW. Business Manager McGlinchey gave an interesting report of the conditions in the local and the progress that has been made since the last meeting. President John F. O'Malley has been elected First Vice President of the South Middlesex Labor Council, AFL-CIO, representing the First District. President O'Malley stated that the combining of various locals in a labor council such as the South Middlesex, permits the exchange of information and ideas among the council members and gives them the opportunity to present a united front on all important issues concerning the welfare of all members of organized labor.

J. J. LAWLESS, P.S.

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### Election of Officers Near For L. U. 1514

L. U. 1514, HANSON, MASS.—I will start this line of gossip by saying I hope the last article I wrote turned out to be the true facts. If it is, I think this Local 1514 has accomplished a great deal. Thanks a lot brothers.

We held our monthly meeting Tuesday, the 21st. I won't dare say we had an enormous crowd, but it was enough to finish all the Union business at hand. The meeting adjourned with everyone happy, especially "Lud" Sayce—he won the \$5.00 door prize. Lucky!

By the time you read this column, election of officers will be coming up, so come up you fellows and gals. If you want to see how easy some of these Union jobs are, come to the meeting and we will see that you are nominated for some of them. A change is good.

### Farewell For Local 1505 Chief Steward



Friends and co-workers of Teddy Woods crowd around him at dinner and gift presentation for him by Local 1505. He is leaving the local union to take up a new position.

Reggy Norton is still sick in the Hospital. Please send him a card. He will be tickled pink. Hope we see you soon Reggy . . . Mike Hammond has been laid up in the Brockton Hospital for the last couple of weeks. He had an operation on his back. Hope to see you soon also, Mike . . . Fred Facchini is still out also. We've heard reports that he was to have an operation also. Hope you are fully recovered, Fred.

The trouble with us is that we don't know how lucky we are when we have our health. That is one thing that the dollar bill won't buy . . . John Torres is back in the press room after having been on the sick list for three weeks. He wants me to show him how to raise some of those kind size beans and tomatoes.

By the time you read this little note of gossip, I hope we have accomplished what no one else in this plant thought was possible to do. That is, a pension plan. So, we will start thanking people. I want to give all the Negotiating Committee a good heart-felt thanks for all their help on this subject. This committee consisted of Mary Turner, Tom Kelley, Paul Griffin, Bill Coit and the old red head. Thanks, ladies and gentlemen!

I will start another paragraph to give my grateful thanks to the Pension Committee which was started about eight months ago. Brothers, these people really did a job. I don't know how many nights this committee met, but it must have been a score or more. I don't believe a committee has worked as hard as this one. They considered the views of the younger members as well as the older members. The members of this committee were; John Riddell, George Sayce, Angelo Danti, Astore Scagialarini, James Griffiths, Tom Kelley, Paul Griffin and the old red head. Thanks a lot fellows.

Oh, yes, I musn't forget to thank Fulton Eldridge for all his help and consideration. He worked right along with us. We held most of our Pension Committee meetings in the conference room of the Wheeler Reflector Co. Also, we must thank Mr. Putnam, the general manager of Wheeler Re-

flector Co. for his cooperation.

So, when you older members walk out of the plant at the retirement age, you can thank not only the union members, but the company also. We all worked together. It couldn't have been done otherwise. Thanks again everybody. I consider it a job well done.

P. S. Hope I have predicted this one, otherwise I am a bum!

"Scoop" SAYCE, P.S.

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### Local 1547 Has State-Wide Construction Pact

L. U. 1547, ANCHORAGE, ALASKA—There has been considerable activity going on in Alaska since our last letter to the JOURNAL so I hope to try and fill in the main things that are of interest.

Our Local 1547 has assumed the entire state-wide jurisdiction for all inside and outside electrical construction. This was, and is a big responsibility and it involves a great amount of additional work load for the business agent. There has been a great amount of reorganization involved in this amalgamation in the state. We were joined in this by Local Union 1548 in Ketchikan and Local Union 462 in Juneau who put their total resources in the pot to help finance the over-all operation.

In Fairbanks, Brother Kornfeind has been appointed assistant business agent for that unit. In the Southeastern operation, Brother Carl Schenk was appointed assistant business agent in charge for both Ketchikan and Juneau units. In the Anchorage unit Brother Lou Scott was appointed assistant business agent. All these Brothers have been members for a good number of years and their past experiences and present knowledge will be of great help to all of us here in the future.

The by-laws for the state-wide local are being written and will provide a unit in Ketchikan, one in Juneau, one in Anchorage and one in Fairbanks. The unit will operate very much as a

## Anchorage Unit, Local 1547, Holds Annual Party



Above are scenes as Local 1547 held its annual party. More than 450 attended.

local union and will have autonomy over any business that pertains to the unit and to that unit alone.

A state-wide agreement, covering the inside and outside jurisdiction, was negotiated with the NECA, resulting in a 25 cents an hour increase for the inside and outside journeymen jurisdiction and an 8 cents an hour increase for groundmen. The new agreement was negotiated for the City of Anchorage Telephone Department.

In March the Anchorage Unit held its annual party and about 540 members and guests attended. Saint Patrick's Day was used as the decoration theme.

Dinner was served early in the evening and then dancing and a drawing for door prizes. The door prizes were donated by the local contractors and electrical establishments. Enclosed are some of the pictures taken at the local party.

Recently four of our local wiremen donated their labor to the Alaska Crippled Children's Treatment Center installing several hundred fluorescent light fixtures. Our local unit donated the extra materials that were needed to complete this job. The four Brothers who so capably did the work were Lawrence Garrity, Harry Rank, James Alfred, and Orville Brown.

CLINTON A. STEWART, P.S.

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### Non-Attender at L. U. 1595 Meeting Loses His Prize!

L. U. 1595, TORONTO, ONT.—Jim Pope of the Operating Department was not in attendance at our last meeting and missed out when his name was drawn in the "Lucky Number" draw. The amount will be \$10 for next month's draw. Never know what you miss, folks!

Charlie Mint has resigned as steward for the 4-12 shift because of transfer and Jim Carnegie is now filling the post. Thanks, Charlie, for your service, and welcome, Jim, to your new position.

A problem to be thrashed out with management is that of sending lads out on jobs carrying higher rates of pay, after the job is done and in service, no upgrading, no extra pay for they are not relieving anybody—so management is getting jobs done cheaply. Now management is giving theory tests, but on what basis! We agree on tests wholeheartedly, but let's have some system about the whole affair. This problem, I submit, should have been rectified a long time ago. More anon.

Sick report! Harold Myers of the Plant Department is ill just now with the flu, but I am sure it will not be long before he is back to duty with "Brownie."

Don't forget that May is nomination month for the forthcoming election of officers. The present executive body would like to hear of names, and June is the month for your choice to be elected for a two-year term. So all you "gripers" and "know-all's," now's the time to put your name down. It's interesting work, hard, satisfying sometimes. But read your Constitution, it's there for all to read and understand.

This month's meeting was indeed lively, in speech, expression and gestures. The basic question of "beefs" by members is good and shows interest, but members should put their "beefs" in grievance form. The executive body can then go ahead from there and try to settle somebody's individual case. If you look at the record on grievance procedure, you will find a high percentage of success by your executives. Your officers have the rules and bylaws drawn up, by you, the membership, to abide by and that's what they are doing to the letter. They can't side-track any issue. Procedure is there for them to follow and the membership, I hope, will realize their position and do their part as well.

A credit union was discussed and hopes are high that we will get a charter to join the organization. Many thanks to the members who are put-

ting in the spade work and may your wishes and ideals be realized.

The Recreation Club held a dinner-dance this month at the Oak Room, Toronto, for presentation of prizes to the bowling section. A good time was had by all and our thanks again to the committeemen of the club for their efforts on our behalf.

Tal Miles was the winner of this month's draw—\$10 was the prize. Guess it will come in handy for something at the cottage, Tal.

Sick report! H. Taylor gave a report at this month's meeting on J. Foster of the Operating Department.

Our president, Vern Smith, gave us his report on the London (Ontario) Conference which was informative and enlightening on some subjects which are in the news lately.

Well that's all for this month's report. Keep cheery!

HAMISH MCKAY, V.P.

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### More Sense of Unionism Is Need, Says L. U. 1631

L. U. 1631, HARMON, N. Y.—We've had two personal losses in the past few months in the deaths of E. Smith and one of our retired Brothers J. Henderson. A moment of silence was held for each at the respective meetings following their deaths, and the charter was draped in their memory.

I think the words, unionism and brotherhood, have lost their meaning for this younger generation. I hope I am wrong in this thought, but many recent events lead me to believe this. If we had to endure the trials and tribulations that our fathers went through, and even some of our present famous labor leaders, then we could give a true definition of the words unionism and brotherhood. If you were a breadwinner in the days when the employer was looked upon as a king, and you were a slave that had to answer to his every whim, you would surely know the value of the

terms unionism, and brotherhood.

These men reported for work in the morning and worked a full 12-and 14-hour day, six and seven days a week for a meager wage. The conditions were unbearable and they knew it. That is the reason they gathered together and organized. Thus the term "unionism." In a systematic and organized manner they waged a war against oppression by management and successfully won the conditions we now enjoy. The sad part is that the battle is still on and there is much to be desired. My only hope is that the generation before us didn't fight and suffer in vain.

The point in question is that this generation is not organized as it should be. The unions themselves are well organized but the membership is not organized. At least not as organized as their fathers were when they waged a war against management to correct the conditions I mentioned above. Today, they constantly complain of the inadequacies of their wages and working conditions and are very critical of their union. Perhaps, these complaints and criticisms are a good sign of the younger generation. We all know that many things could very well be improved. The thing that puzzles me is, how do they propose to do better by just complaining among themselves. They go about griping, and moaning about "how this should be done" or how "this shouldn't be done." It is possible that some of this criticism might be constructive and deserves to be heard at a union meeting where some good might come of it.

When they say, "this should be done," they probably don't realize that it can't be done because of some legislation, for example, the Taft-Hartley Law. When it comes time for union men to unite against this type of legislation that injures them in so many ways, as our labor leaders have conveyed to us in all mediums of communications possible, that seems to be the time when they disunite and vote the other way. The same holds true in the election of candidates for public office. Labor leaders, in plenty of time inform union men, on who is friendly, and who is unfriendly to labor, but the actual voting is up to us. Now, if we disregard this advice the only complaint to make is to ourselves and not about our union.

At this moment so many of us in Westchester County are reading newspapers that belong to the Macy chain that has locked its union employes out for the past 15 months and half the union members in the county are unaware of it or even care. This, is certainly not unionism, and we must mend our ways before it is too late. Management has organized and it is very strong because of its great potential which is money. Legislation is hurting us constantly with laws

## L.U. 1859 Member's Daughter Honored



Scene as Roberta Genser, daughter of L. U. 1859 member, received \$500 Fitzpatrick Scholarship. From left: Art Glinka, Director of Education, Local 1859; President Leonard F. Becker, Local 1859; Mrs. Walter Genser; William A. Lee, President, Chicago Federation of Labor; Roberta Kathryn Genser, award winner; Charles Schaffer, Assistant Director of Education, Local 1859; Joseph Spengler, Chairman Education Committee, Chicago Federation of Labor.

such as, "Right-to-Work" and the Taft-Hartley law, and many others. It is my suggestion to all union members, that now is the time to wise up. We must have a stronger sense of brotherhood and unionism if we are to receive more gains and less losses.

HAROLD A. CIANO, P.S.

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## Blood Bank Is Inaugurated By Local 1859, Cicero, Ill.

L. U. 1859, CICERO, ILL.—A Blood Bank to provide blood service for its members has been established by Local 1859, representing 11,000 shop employees at Western Electric's Hawthorne Plant in Cicero, Illinois. The program was inaugurated recently when 31 members of the local made the first deposits to the Blood Bank.

The new service, as a result of three years effort on the part of the local's officers, came as a result of negotiations with staff members of Mount Sinai Hospital, located on Chicago's west side, where the Blood Bank will be maintained.

As in most new ventures the idea of a Blood Bank was born out of sheer necessity. As President Leonard F. Becker explained, the local had been called upon repeatedly to solicit blood donations in emergencies. Some of these emergencies were quite desperate, with frantic calls in early morning hours, during holiday periods, etc. Under these and other circumstances, he added, our members have donated over 700 pints of blood for Western Electric people and their families.

However, he continued, the method

of soliciting aid under such conditions was costly, inefficient and, at times, nerve-racking. All costs, namely, time off from work, transportation, etc. were subsidized by the local. Recognizing the need for blood service on a sound basis and feeling keenly the role of the local as a social service agency, he appointed Vice President, Clarence M. Young, as chairman of a Blood Bank Committee to study the possibility of establishing a Blood Bank that would insure a ready source of blood service to the local's membership.

Finally after three years investigations the present plan was adopted as the most suitable for our needs.

The present plan calls for a donation of a single pint of blood to entitle a member and his family to the service. The supply will be maintained by alphabetically rotating future contributions whenever the supply falls below a certain level.

According to one source there are now 15 Blood Banks established by Chicago area unions for their members. Local 1859 is proud to be counted as a part of that select group.

Roberta Kathryn Genser is a young miss of 17 summers whose good looks are matched with a brilliant mind. Local 1859 points with pride to her accomplishments because her dad, Walter Genser, is one of our members.

Roberta was recently honored for scholastic achievements at Chicago's Lindblom High School by being awarded the John Fitzpatrick Memorial Scholarship, named for a stockyards horseshoer who headed the Chicago Federation of Labor from

## *As Blood Bank Was Begun In Cicero, Illinois*



Above: Part of L. U. 1859 volunteers have check-up. From left: Warren Smith, Harold Bonin, Tony Fontanini, Bill Arnold, Pres. Leonard Becker, Bob Gormann, Joe Dames, Len Burdin, Clem Kopecky, Bill Sowinski, Art Glinka, C. A. Young.

Above right: Pres. Leonard Becker awaits typing.

Right: At local office before heading for Mt. Sinai Hospital to establish bank.



Above: Bill Kobler, Bill Maloney, Bill Sowinski, Don Miro, Art Glinka, Frank Szatko, Clem Kopecky and Harold Bonin as they registered as donors.



Left: Preliminary check-up is made on Len Burdin, blood bank committee member. Much of success of bank is due to his work.

Right: Four-time donor Mary Felz makes contribution under supervision of Robert Novak, hospital technician, whose father is L. U. 1859 member.



1904 until his death in 1946. The award, which is a check for \$500.00, is made possible by a grant from the CFL. Two scholarships are awarded to children of union members each semester.

At the presentation ceremonies, President William A. Lee of the Federation made the following statement:

"We are glad to assist these brilliant young people in the advancement of their education. The CFL has awarded six scholarships, and all of the winners are performing very well at the colleges of their choice. They are the kind of youth the people should know better. Organized labor is proud of their accomplishments and we congratulate their parents and teachers in providing stimulating atmosphere and encouragement."

The record which Roberta compiled in winning the scholarship award includes the following activities:

Editor-in-chief of school newspaper; Finance manager, literary editor of school newspaper; Golden Eagle (top service award); President of Honor Society; Vice-President of Quill and Scroll, National Journalism Honor Society; Valedictorian; Honor Society (four years); "S" certificates (all S's, one semester. S means Superior); "S" emblem (awarded after three certificates); Athletic letter and four chevrons; 15 athletic bars (given in baseball, volleyball, skating, service etc.); Outstanding senior (one of ten chosen); Concert band; Junior prom and Class Sing Committees; Candidate for Daily News Silver Knight Award (math); Betty Crocker "Home-maker of Tomorrow" (at Lindblom); Bausch and Lomb Science award.

From the above list it is evident that Roberta has a flying start on a successful career and will undoubtedly become a valuable member of society. We extend to her every good wish. We shall also watch with interest her progress in the future.

FRANK O. GRABITZ, P.S.

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## Local 1917 Members Active In Blood Bank

L. U. 1917, WEST ORANGE, N. J.—Enclosed we are sending a picture taken by the manager of Safety and Health, Mr. Bert Wiggins, at the April Blood Bank here. The photograph shows three union officers, Brothers Lewis White, Pete McCue, Pete Pernicaro and former President Jack Schack. The blood donated goes to the Essex County Blood Bank in exchange for certificates which are used by Edison employes or their families, to draw upon the bank. Since our local, under the direction of



# How to Forget

If you were busy being kind,  
Before you knew it, you would find  
You'd soon forget to think 'twas true  
  
That someone was unkind to you.  
  
If you were busy being glad  
And cheering people who are sad,  
Although your heart might ache a bit,  
You'd soon forget to notice it.  
  
If you were busy doing good,  
And doing just the best you could,  
You'd not have time to blame some man  
Who's doing just the best he can.  
  
If you were busy being right,  
You'd find yourself too busy quite  
To criticize your neighbor long  
Because he's busy being wrong.

Rebecca Foresman

Brother McCue, has taken an active part in the periodic drives to enlist donors, there has always been enough blood on hand to take care of the needs of our members. We have many letters in our files from members that have had to use these facilities thanking us for our part in making sure the blood would always be available. Any member who can possibly donate is asked to sign up the next time.

Our COPE campaign for 1959 appears to have us on the threshold of winning our second consecutive COPE Honor Award. The first month of the drive saw us enlist 180 members. Under the chairmanship of our Vice President Jack Dougherty, the committee turned in an amazing job, completely selling out all books the first week, making it necessary for us to send away for more to fill the pledges of other members. Several white collar workers, appreciating the necessity of COPE and cognizant of the work it is doing, have asked to contribute a dollar. Of course we were happy to oblige.

Our IBEW Local 1917 Monthly Newsletter has now been published every month for over a year. We find it a timely source of information. It brings us the facts up to date and we can credit it with making us a better labor organization. It has been praised, condemned, quoted from on at least four occasions by a labor reporter for a local newspaper, it has been used as a topic of collegiate labor-management discussions, and it has been used as a collector's item for its tribute to our late Edison and N.A.M. President, Henry G. Riter 3rd. Almost everything of a general interest to the members is published in the Newsletter, without destroying the purpose of the union meeting. In fact our attendance has been up since the advent of the first Newsletter. In a recent survey, questionnaires were

## L. U. 1917 Donors



After making donations to blood bank are, seated, F. S. Lewis A. White, President Pete McCue. Standing are former Pres. Jack Schack and Executive Board member Pete Perniciaro.

mailed to all the members and they voted overwhelmingly to retain the Newsletter's format. All the articles are first discussed and approved by the Executive Board before publication.

We have encountered unprecedented resistance on most of our major grievances recently, especially the job-evaluation grievances. We have been forced to carry our grievances to the fourth step or to preliminary arbitration and at least one has been submitted to the American Arbitration Association for a decision. With many of us feeling we were inadequately provided for at the 1958 negotiations, we are confronted with the task of trying to better our hourly rates by initiating re-evaluation

grievances. Our classifications are governed by the point system and if we can prove there has been sufficient change in the job or added responsibilities which would warrant an increase in the total points, we present this to management for consideration for the corresponding rate increase. Fortunately we have a one-year contract which terminates on October 31, of this year. One of the good things to come out of these grievances is that we have had the pleasure of meeting a very able International Representative, Brother Sol Miller. Through Brother Miller's guidance on a couple of the above, we have learned new techniques and approaches. He has indeed been of great assistance in many different ways. Brother McCue and the members of the Grievance Committee all speak highly of him.

Thus from West Orange, New Jersey, Local 1917 of the Thomas A. Edison Industries, site of the famous Edison National Museum and Laboratory where the hallowed grounds seem to whisper encouragement, we sign off 'til next time.

ANNA J. TAWORSKY, P.S.

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## Southeastern Council In Semi-Annual Meeting

**SOUTHEASTERN COUNCIL OF IBEW UNIONS, PULP AND PAPER INDUSTRY.**—Enclosed you will find a picture of a group of the Southeastern Council of IBEW Unions-Pulp and Paper Industry made during their last meeting held in Mobile, Alabama March 20th and 21st, 1959.

This group meets twice annually for the purpose of making plans for negotiations and settling problems with which we are confronted in the paper industry.

We have been meeting for some five years and during this time have made much progress through this council which we feel is of great value to those in the paper industry.

We would like to invite any mill which does not have delegates who attend these meetings to send some. We allow one year free membership to new members.

We have the full support of the International Staff at all of these meetings and through their cooperation we have been able to accomplish much in our Southern Kraft negotiations each year, where the pattern is set. This year being a better business year we are looking forward to a larger wage increase.

JOSEPH F. SAPP, JR.,  
Secretary-Treasurer



Paper and pulp industry delegates to meeting held in Mobile, Ala. See accompanying story for details.

# PRESS SECRETARY of the Month

This month we are pleased to salute James N. (Scotty) McKay of Local 43, Syracuse, New York as Press Secretary of the Month.

A native of Syracuse, born there in 1902, Brother McKay attended school in his native city, and his education included many trade and technical classes.

Through the years, he has served Local 43 in many capacities, and has been local treasurer for several terms.

Brother McKay's career in the electrical trade covers many years, going back to 1919 when he started out at the old H. H. Franklin Automobile Company. He has worked at the trade since that time, in many of the local manufacturing plants as a maintenance electrician and for local contractors both in construction and maintenance phases of electrical work. He is presently employed at Crouse-Hinds Company as a maintenance man.

Present plans of his include slowing down in his work, so that he will be able to spend winters in Florida in a house trailer. He has many hobbies to occupy his time, including fishing, photography and do-it-yourself projects.

Brother McKay's family consists of his wife, Margaret, and daughter, Patti, who is completing her educa-



"Scotty" McKay

tion as a mycologist at Syracuse University.

Press Secretary McKay joined the I.B.E.W. in 1941 and writes us that over the years he has been given "a great deal of pleasure in working and associating with the splendid Brothers of the I.B.E.W. and especially Local 43."

*The Journal staff has enjoyed and appreciated your monthly letters Brother McKay. We'd like to say, keep up the good work! And we'd like to add, good luck to you, James McKay, in all your endeavors!*

there is a hazard. And this hazard is unique, since it cannot be seen, felt, tasted, or smelled. Therefore it is essential that the local union, and especially the officers and stewards, be informed of the hidden, cumulative and lasting effects of external and internal exposure to radioactivity.

Employes may have no way of knowing when or where a radioactive device is being installed or used unless the company wishes them to know. So the union should try to have the contract provide that when a radioactive source is brought into the plant, the union is notified and told what type of source it is, where it will be, and what it will be used for.

The union should also find out:

1. What are the exposure problems that must be dealt with?
2. Is there any danger of internal exposure?
3. What kind of protection is being set up?
4. What type of detection instrumentation is being used?
5. What are the exposure time limits at distances affecting the workers?
6. Is it necessary to rope off the area so no unauthorized entry is made?
7. What kind of timekeeping procedure is in effect?

8. What records are being kept by the company regarding individual exposure?

9. What facilities are available for contaminated personnel or over-exposed personnel?

No industry, corporation, or person may use, manufacture, or have a radioactive source without a license from the Atomic Energy Commission. On the license are instructions from the Commission as to how the source will be used, the name of the person responsible, and the safety factors involved.

These regulations should be read by the local union steward, if possible. If the company is not abiding by the instructions, he should inform his supervisor. If no action is taken, he may go through the proper steps to the International Office. The International Office can, through the Atomic Energy Commission, have an investigation made. If the Commission finds the license instructions have been ignored and a hazard exists, the license can be cancelled and the source returned to the Commission.

## I.B.E.W. Issues New Film

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The sequences chosen were carefully selected from film coverage about six hours in length. We have tried to hit the high spots of the real working convention which went on for four full days and into the night on the concluding day.

We hope that all who have never had the opportunity to attend one of our I.B.E.W. conventions will see this film so they may better know the scope of our organization and just how the business of our Brotherhood is conducted when our supreme body meets and acts.

For those who were delegates and visitors to the convention, the film should serve as a comprehensive review. Come and see yourselves on film—preserved for posterity!

Copies of the convention movie which is a 16 mm. sound film in black and white are available from the Vice President's office in each district. Contact him to obtain the film for a showing at your local meeting. Additional copies are available in the International Office upon the request of the Vice President in the event of a conflict as to dates for showing.

## RESEARCH DEPT.

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annual state-wide safety conference to which representatives of labor, management and insurance companies would be invited. It was also recommended that Central Bodies call upon State Labor Commissioners to establish a Standing Advisory Committee on Safety and Occupational Health, including representatives of labor, charged with the responsibility of making periodic recommendations concerning the safety program of the state.

8. Join the Labor Division of the National Safety Council. It offers valuable help in safety promotion and training, as well as assistance on specific safety problems.

We'd like to add a special word on problems in radiation. As of January 1st this year there were more than 130 atomic reactors and atomic energy processing plants operating in the United States. In addition, 5,000 different installations and manufacturing plants are using radioactive isotopes. The use of radioactive isotopes in industry is becoming more prevalent every day.

With every radioactive source,

## SHOW

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William Reedy, George Quinn (L. U. 892), George Mulkey (I.R.), Glen Matteson (L. U. 6), Anne Grayee (L. U. 212), George Pfaff (L. U. 212), Otto Rieman (I.R.), Mrs. Otto Rieman.

R. McMenamin (L. U. 6), Ralph Bell (L. U. 6), Mrs. Ralph Bell, Robert Hover, Doris Hover, Robert Foehn (L. U. 6), Barbara Foehn, Norma and Claudette (from Vice President Harbak's office), Jim Ladini (L. U. 6), John F. Donovan (L. U. 892), Charles Issel (L. U. 6), Louis Bruni (L. U. 6), Otto Webber (L. U. 6), Ted Karas (L. U. 6), Maurice Spillane (L. U. 6) and Emma Martin (L. U. 6 office).

### Marked Success

It was only through the splendid efforts and cooperation of all these people that our IBEW booth was the marked success which it was.

Washington, D. C., has been selected as the site for the 1960 Union Industry Show.

We think it is significant that in this day and age when unions have come in for so much criticism and bad publicity because of the sins of a very few, that labor and management can get together in hundreds of industrial fields and put on a wonderful show. The Union Industry Show is living proof that labor and management, unions and employers do get along in the vast majority of cases and that the goods and services thus produced under decent working conditions, are better goods and services.

One distinguished visitor to the show was Tom Mboya, general secretary of the Kenya Federation of Labor and Chairman of the All Africa People's Conference. His comments on the show are interesting. He said:

"Management's pride in the workmanship of its union workers is truly amazing. I am much impressed by the fact that management is proud to show that its products contain high quality workmanship of union labor and

## Wallis C. Wright Mourned

Our International Office was considerably shocked and saddened on Wednesday, May 13, by the sudden death, caused by a heart attack, of International Representative Wallis C. Wright.

Brother Wright was serving as an Assistant to the International President, and was in charge of bylaws at the time of his death. From 1946 to 1954, he served our Brotherhood as Vice President of the Eighth District.

"Wally," as he was known to all his friends, was born in England, March 30, 1898 and came to the United States as a small child. He was initiated into L. U. 449 of Pocatello, Idaho, November 5, 1934.

He is survived by his wife, Martha; a daughter, Mrs. Muriel Deane Chapin, and a son, Albert W. Wright, who is a member of our Brotherhood and assistant business manager of L. U. 68, Denver, Colorado.



W. C. Wright

After services in Washington, D. C., attended by IBEW officers and staff, as well as his many friends, Brother Wright was laid to rest in Logan, Utah.

Wally Wright labored well in the cause of our Brotherhood. He was a man who loved his fellowman. We will miss him very much. May he rest in peace.

that they were made under union conditions."

### Messages Received

Many messages of congratulations and good will were received by the Union Label Department on the occasion of its Golden Anniversary. Both President Eisenhower and Labor Secretary James P. Mitchell praised both the unions and cooperating management on the partnership between labor and industry.

Governor Brown of California who participated in the opening ceremonies of the show, paid tribute to the "harmonious relationships between organized labor and fair employers working together for the common good." The Governor also set aside the show week as "Labor Management Week" in California.

Secretary-Treasurer William

Schnitzler, also at the opening ceremonies, stated that the six-day showing of 20 million dollars worth of displays and union made goods is a tribute to the growing cooperation between labor and management and dramatic proof that enlightened workers and employers have rejected the "moth-eaten" theory of an inevitable class struggle between capital and labor.

### Support Urged

We wish that all members of the IBEW had had the opportunity to see this San Francisco show and see real labor-management cooperation in action. We hope all will promote the creed and spirit of all the exhibits:

### BUY UNION GOODS AND SERVICES

every time, remembering that what helps one member of the labor movement helps us all.

# The Search for Federation

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Never before in the history of our country was a unified effort in behalf of labor so sorely needed. Attacked from all quarters as "radical," the trade union movement called out desperately for a leader with the intelligence and integrity to lead them out of a wilderness of hate, misunderstanding and unemployment. In 1886, the year of the merger, the Haymarket Riot in Chicago had fired the passions of the people into a boiling distrust of anything tagged labor. In 1892, the Homestead Strike further embittered the public and caused them to believe that anything concerned with labor was violent. Two years later, the town of Pullman, Illinois was rent with the cries of hungry children and a misled public blamed those "damned labor agitators."

Truly, the stage upon which Samuel Gompers walked for the first act of that troubled American play was a weak one. Accosted on one side by capitalist forces who claimed that Samuel was no more than another agitator seeking more

violence, and attacked by forces within the labor movement itself which said he was too conservative, Gompers played his role well. He hoped to accomplish a great deal for the labor movement by not only taking stands on vital issues which stood for the welfare of the working man, but also, by conducting his personal life in such a way that people would know his aims were beyond reproach.

But, despite his untiring efforts in behalf of labor the impatience of many was beginning to show. They thought a revolution to better working conditions could and should be an over-night process. So it was that in 1894 he was defeated in his bid for the A. F. of L. presidency by John McBride.

However, what Gompers knew and many were yet to realize was that effective unionism is a slow, vital, thinking process. In 1895, however, many more were beginning to realize that Gompers was right and they once more elected him to lead the A. F. of L. Back at the helm, Samuel Gompers began to recover the necessities of life for working men throughout the country. The A. F. of L. developed a

strong sense of discipline and a positive trade union philosophy. Accurate business administrative processes were used in carrying out union affairs and systematic labor records were kept. Contractual relations with employers were improved and, as always, the call to the unorganized to join the ranks of trade unionism was given.

Samuel Gompers was never again defeated as President of the A. F. of L. True, there was opposition to him from time to time: the Socialists (commonly thought to be an integral part of the labor movement) opposed him frequently; attempts were made to establish dual organizations; and it was occasionally necessary for him to combat forces which would break from the A. F. of L. and go it alone.

But sound judgment would prevail and Samuel Gompers led the destinies of the great Federation until his death in December of 1924. There were more fights to come in the later years of his leadership in the A. F. of L. but that first major battle—the search for a Federation—was perhaps the most important, for it developed a governmental process within the

## Annual Statement of Electrical Workers' Benefit Association

In compliance with the requirements of the Fraternal Act of various states, we are publishing below information contained in the annual statement of the Electrical Workers' Benefit Association for the year ending December 31, 1958.

ASSETS			Interest on Mortgage Loans .....		1,128,049.46
Bonds		\$ 6,464,937.00	Rents .....		163,433.01
United States Government .....	\$ 4,169,737.00		Other Income .....		980.68
Canadian Government .....	10,000.00				
Industrial .....	2,285,200.00				
Stocks		19,592,910.00			
Public Utilities .....	\$ 10,082,416.00		Death Claims .....		2,582,300.00
Banks, Trust and Insurance Co. ....	869,554.00		Investment Expense .....		101,901.53
Industrial and Miscellaneous .....	8,640,940.00		Depreciation .....		29,690.08
First Mortgage Loans .....		24,410,018.69	Rent .....		25,800.00
Federal Housing Insured Loans .....	\$ 4,885,077.89		Salaries .....		309,682.25
Veterans Administration Guaranteed Loans .....	6,114,926.80		Examination Fees .....		40,655.00
Other Mortgage Loans .....	13,410,014.00		Express and Drayage .....		1.25
Real Estate Owned .....		1,975,279.03	Stationery and Printing .....		4,820.58
Home Office Building .....	\$ 1,321,797.43		Insurance .....		2,941.37
Other Real Estate .....	653,482.50		General Expenses .....		9,923.15
Cash and Bank Deposits .....		299,413.38	Actuarial and Auditing .....		6,518.00
Interest and Rents Accrued .....		141,256.01	Supreme Lodge Meeting .....		158.50
Other Assets .....		583,055.22	Real Estate Expenses .....		106,045.96
TOTAL ASSETS .....		\$ 53,466,870.23	Real Estate Taxes .....		5,949.64
LIABILITIES			Insurance Department Fees .....		170.00
Death Claims Due and Unpaid .....		\$ 433,669.83	Taxes .....		27,867.13
Advance Assessments .....		110,460.00	Refunds .....		3,185.20
Other Liabilities .....		269,754.79			
TOTAL LIABILITIES .....		\$ 813,884.62			
INCOME AND EXPENSES—1958			TOTAL EXPENSES .....		\$ 3,257,609.64
Income			EXCESS OF INCOME OVER EXPENSES .....		\$ 2,953,443.03
Membership, Admission and Reinstatement Fees .....	\$ 3,989,723.60				
Interest on Bonds .....	202,445.82				
Dividends on Stocks .....	726,420.10				
			EXHIBIT OF CERTIFICATES		
			No.		Amount
			Benefit Certificates in force 12/31/57 .....	277,882	\$241,103,750.00
			Benefit Certificates written during year .....	12,594	—0—
			Benefit Certificates revived and increased during year .....	851	41,577,475.00
			TOTALS .....	291,327	\$282,681,225.00
			Benefit Certificates terminated, decreased or transferred during the year .....	12,664	9,233,225.00
			Benefit Certificates in force 12/31/58 .....	278,663	\$273,448,000.00

labor movement which was as important as democracy itself. Patterned after our own decentralized form of government and ingrained with a constitution that demanded for all working men the same right which the United States Constitution demanded for its people, the A. F. of L. marched ever onward largely due to the efforts of a little man of Jewish descent, an alien, whose religion was the labor movement and whose greatest respect was directed toward the American way of life.

## JOURNEY TO INDIA

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speech to workers there, Comrade Dange—who is also Vice President of the Communist World Federation of Trade Unions—said that this jeep was a result of donations “from the workers them-

selves.” Of course, the workers knew better.

Communist efforts are exerted not only among the unions but also among the intellectuals, the small businessmen, the women, and the millions who are members of the so-called “scheduled” castes or “untouchables.” In particular, their work among the high school and college graduates has been bearing fruit, for in this group there are legions of perpetually unemployed. Many young, eager students find—upon leaving the classroom—that there is no way to use their training and talents. It is not at all surprising that they listen—in desperation—to the blandishments of Communist orators. The government worker is also a special target. Living on a fixed salary—in many cases fundamentally unchanged in a decade—he has many desires that outstrip his pocketbook.

Another fundamental fact that has to be reckoned with when one talks about India is its proximity not only to the Soviet Union but to Communist China. The recent explosion in Tibet brought this graphically to the attention of the world. But even apart from the Tibetan clash, there has been a continuous fear and awe in India as to what the Chinese are accomplishing in the realm of productivity and production. There is a real rivalry for leadership between India and China in this part of the world. In a recent broadcast to the Chinese Home Service, the Vice Premier of Communist China called upon the workers to produce 18,000,000 tons of steel in 1959.

### India's Need

When I returned from India, I had a number of discussions with our own State Department officials concerning the urgency of India's need in the area of economic development. The Indians are anxiously hoping that the United States will agree to finance a major steel plant in their own “Ruhr.” In fact, AFL-CIO President George Meany has written to Under Secretary of State for Economic Affairs C. Douglas Dillon, supporting this request which, if realized, would go part of the way in meeting a very real and a very dangerous economic challenge.

Strictly speaking, there are two dominant free trade unions which are trying desperately to change the prevailing picture. The Indian National Trade Union Congress, which is the largest free trade union group, has been accused of being too closely tied to the dominant Congress Party, and therefore the Government. The other and smaller free trade union organization, known as the Hind Mazdoor Sabha, has in turn been accused of engaging in popular fronts with the Communists in certain areas. Both of them are faced with a growing Communist union, known as the All India Trade Union Congress. While the accusations mentioned may be exaggerated, there is no question but that the free trade unions are spending a lot of their energy in fighting each other.

A basic problem, I believe, is the

## Overcomes Handicap



In the January 1958 issue of our Journal, we carried an article and pictures concerning Brother John W. Polston, a member of L. U. 441, Santa Ana, California. In spite of his handicap of total blindness, Brother Polston works every day at his job as an inside wireman. Recently he visited Washington to testify before a Congressional Committee with regard to activities of the blind. He also called at the International Office. Here he is pictured demonstrating a folding cane which he uses to President Gordon M. Freeman. President Freeman is vice chairman of the President's Committee for Employment of the Physically Handicapped.

slowness of the free trade union leadership to develop young "cadres" or groups to take their places. While the Constitution has abolished the caste system—a fact vigorously applauded by the free trade union leadership—it is still often reflected in practice. Most of the Indian trade union leadership is drawn from the upper classes or castes. When we mentioned to an Indian trade union leader that it was essential to develop rank and file, he said "But they are illiterate." I then related to him the

story of the early days of organizing in the South when many new members of unions signed their name with an "X." They may have been illiterate, but they certainly knew where their best interests lay. In fact, provided with an opportunity, a number of the "X-signers" became local leaders. Another obstacle, I was told, is that much of industrial relations in India is governed by laws and administrative commissions. To this, I replied, that in the United States, the trade unions hire the lawyers

and other specialists when they need them.

Whatever is the case, I know there is a tremendous desire on the part of the rank and file to move forward, to have a voice in their future, and to walk with pride. There is, also, an eagerness to learn more about America and how our unions operate. There was a surprisingly large reserve of goodwill for us in India, and in fact, all of Asia. I kept wondering whether it wouldn't be possible for some of our unions to find a few good solid,

### Death Claims For March, 1959

L. U.	NAME	AMOUNT	L. U.	NAME	AMOUNT	L. U.	NAME	AMOUNT
L. O. (1)	Royer, W. D.	\$ 1,000.00	9	Bieber, C. C.	1,000.00	353	LeMay, C. M.	1,000.00
L. O. (3)	Pietsch, J. F.	1,000.00	9	Larsen, W. P.	1,000.00	357	Gault, R. M.	1,000.00
L. O. (3)	Goedecker, Jr. A.	1,000.00	11	Green, H. F.	1,000.00	365	Floyd, G. W.	1,000.00
L. O. (3)	Hagan, J. J.	1,000.00	11	McDonald, J. F.	1,000.00	386	Sims, L.	1,000.00
L. O. (3)	Wansor, C. A.	1,000.00	11	Wingert, C. C.	1,000.00	387	Hall, G.	1,000.00
L. O. (5)	Wochley, C.	1,000.00	11	Bracken, F. A.	1,000.00	390	Bonura, S. F.	1,000.00
L. O. (6)	Ladov, B. E.	1,000.00	11	Lee, R. E.	1,000.00	403	Truelove, G. P.	1,000.00
L. O. (9)	Bohanan, G.	1,000.00	11	Beaton, G. H.	1,000.00	431	Bell, M. W.	1,000.00
L. O. (9)	Bower, A. J.	1,000.00	11	Hendriks, L.	1,000.00	441	Reece, J. L.	1,000.00
L. O. (11)	Truxas, C. E.	150.00	11	Haight, E. E.	1,000.00	441	Enlow, E. O.	1,000.00
L. O. (11)	Brandt, R. H.	1,000.00	11	Gallett, G.	1,000.00	464	Carter, R. L.	1,000.00
L. O. (17)	Blake, G. H.	1,000.00	17	Huffman, J.	1,000.00	477	Nutt, B. A.	1,000.00
L. O. (18)	Terrill, R. H.	1,000.00	31	Kredler, P. W.	1,000.00	479	Thompson, M. G.	1,000.00
L. O. (34)	Michael, F. L.	1,000.00	38	Lacava, G. A.	150.00	490	Gamster, J.	1,000.00
L. O. (38)	Heusel, A.	1,000.00	40	Camp, C.	1,000.00	494	Held, Sr., C. L.	1,000.00
L. O. (43)	Klein, F. M.	1,000.00	48	Simbeni, P.	1,000.00	496	Moss, D. W.	1,000.00
L. O. (46)	Neil, R. W.	1,000.00	48	Lechtenberg, V. M.	1,000.00	505	Evans, J. F.	1,000.00
L. O. (51)	Miller, A. H.	1,000.00	48	Reeves, L. E.	1,000.00	521	Erbe, W. C.	1,000.00
L. O. (51)	Wolfe, J. J.	1,000.00	51	Jordan, R.	1,000.00	528	Leiberg, L. L.	500.00
L. O. (52)	Frank, B.	1,000.00	58	Melville, A.	1,000.00	528	Krumrel, E. E.	1,000.00
L. O. (52)	Douglas, H. A.	1,000.00	58	Zimmerman, M.	1,000.00	531	Leonard, R. E.	1,000.00
L. O. (52)	Robinson, H. G.	1,000.00	77	Grams, H. O.	150.00	531	Chamberlain, J. D.	1,000.00
L. O. (55)	Casady, F. C.	1,000.00	77	Hodson, J. T.	1,000.00	544	Wandell, G. D.	1,000.00
L. O. (64)	Robinson, L. M.	1,000.00	77	Olds, L. J.	250.00	545	Schleicher, R. E.	1,000.00
L. O. (76)	Callaway, V.	1,000.00	77	Green, L. L.	1,000.00	558	Bradford, J. A.	1,000.00
L. O. (77)	Wilson, J. F.	1,000.00	77	Mackie, G. M.	1,000.00	569	Ferguson, C. F.	500.00
L. O. (77)	Roth, S.	1,000.00	80	Kinney, D. R.	1,000.00	569	Redding, M. L.	1,000.00
L. O. (86)	Maxfield, H. L.	1,000.00	82	Palmer, W. H.	333.34	569	Pridemore, R. P.	1,000.00
L. O. (100)	McCrary, E.	1,000.00	82	West, A.	1,000.00	584	Corey, S. W.	1,000.00
L. O. (103)	Bjornson, E. N.	1,000.00	86	Flaherty, R. E.	1,000.00	595	Moffat, F. A.	150.00
L. O. (104)	Elwood, T. J.	1,000.00	95	Kinsey, H. S.	1,000.00	602	Wright, E. D.	1,000.00
L. O. (112)	Roark, B. W.	150.00	96	Olsen, A.	1,000.00	611	Earnhardt, R. E.	1,000.00
L. O. (117)	Baumann, L. W.	1,000.00	98	McCarthy, L. J.	333.34	613	Hodnette, J. M.	500.00
L. O. (125)	Whitley, J. H.	1,000.00	103	McCarthy, M. J.	1,000.00	623	Smith, J. F.	1,000.00
L. O. (125)	Laumont, A. B.	1,000.00	124	Haskell, G. F.	1,000.00	631	Baccaro, L.	1,000.00
L. O. (134)	Schwartz, F.	1,000.00	124	Bradley, H. P.	1,000.00	637	Conaway, C.	1,000.00
L. O. (134)	Bode, J. A.	1,000.00	124	Razan, J. G.	1,000.00	648	Morris, J. M.	1,000.00
L. O. (134)	McIlreevy, W. S.	1,000.00	125	Anderson, A.	1,000.00	659	Kuznik, A. R.	1,000.00
L. O. (134)	Buckles, S.	1,000.00	129	Field, R.	1,000.00	660	Hodgdon, G. A.	1,000.00
L. O. (193)	Rachford, J. K.	1,000.00	134	Olson, N. M.	1,000.00	702	Poole, H. C.	1,000.00
L. O. (195)	Geekler, C. B.	1,000.00	134	Davidson, W.	1,000.00	702	Wilson, R. J.	1,000.00
L. O. (213)	Robson, R. W.	1,000.00	134	Stafford, C. J.	1,000.00	707	Rivard, J.	1,000.00
L. O. (292)	Quinn, G. H.	1,000.00	134	Brown, W. R.	1,000.00	714	Peterson, V. B.	1,000.00
L. O. (302)	Manville, J. P.	150.00	134	DiDomenico, S.	1,000.00	716	Craddock, H. F.	1,000.00
L. O. (340)	Rostgard, M.	1,000.00	134	Nussbaum, G.	1,000.00	716	May, T.	1,000.00
L. O. (333)	Pingree, C. G.	1,000.00	134	Conner, T. A.	1,000.00	717	O'Malley, S. J.	1,000.00
L. O. (401)	Pencil, D. T.	1,000.00	137	Pierson, W.	1,000.00	730	Weismann, B.	1,000.00
L. O. (420)	Kalecki, F.	1,000.00	145	Brodersen, L. F.	1,000.00	730	Thompson, L. F.	1,000.00
L. O. (466)	Hall, J. F.	1,000.00	160	Sable, S. O.	1,000.00	732	Rinaldi, C. W.	1,000.00
L. O. (491)	Harris, O. H.	1,000.00	166	Marks, M. J.	1,000.00	734	Prater, J. C.	1,000.00
L. O. (568)	Trahan, T.	1,000.00	185	Linker, J. H.	1,000.00	760	Sander, T. R.	1,000.00
L. O. (574)	Browning, W. C.	1,000.00	194	Smith, L. H.	1,000.00	760	Rankin, E. M.	1,000.00
L. O. (588)	Tweed, H. E.	1,000.00	210	Conner, T. A.	1,000.00	766	Parks, D. L.	1,000.00
L. O. (591)	Brider, G. A.	1,000.00	212	Pierson, W.	1,000.00	763	Demerse, C. C.	1,000.00
L. O. (659)	Lyle, C. W.	1,000.00	213	Vonbokern, V.	1,000.00	764	Berry, F. E.	1,000.00
L. O. (949)	Stickney, J. T.	1,000.00	213	Smith, A. J.	1,000.00	768	Runkle, G. R.	1,000.00
L. O. (945)	Melvin, C.	1,000.00	217	Abbott, W. J.	1,000.00	800	Hackerman, T. H.	1,000.00
L. O. (975)	Peterson, E. P.	1,000.00	235	Nakamura, C. G.	1,000.00	809	Helvey, A. C.	1,000.00
L. O. (1095)	Miller, A. J.	1,000.00	240	Rice, E.	1,000.00	814	Barkley, E. I.	1,000.00
L. O. (1144)	Pakiser, C. A.	1,000.00	245	Bauquess, C.	1,000.00	826	Dray, G. D.	1,000.00
L. O. (1172)	Galbreath, V. E.	1,000.00	245	Campton, I. A.	500.00	836	Burns, W. J.	1,000.00
L. O. (1212)	Davis, D. M.	1,000.00	249	Desmond, F.	1,000.00	846	Roberts, C.	1,000.00
L. O. (1226)	Whitton, R. F.	1,000.00	271	Bays, P. E.	1,000.00	846	Holbrook, G.	1,000.00
L. O. (1265)	Snow, A.	1,000.00	275	Anderson, E. W.	1,000.00	846	White, B.	1,000.00
L. O. (1540)	Eddy, T. B.	1,000.00	281	Talbert, D. M.	1,000.00	887	Schack, E.	1,000.00
L. O. (1863)	Lindsay, C. L.	1,000.00	292	Kieselharst, D. M.	1,000.00	889	Wise, R. F.	1,000.00
3	Caragher, O.	1,000.00	294	Kansas, M. O.	1,000.00	965	Edwards, R. L.	1,000.00
3	Kelly, J. T.	1,000.00	300	Douglas, H. M.	1,000.00	968	Dray, G. D.	1,000.00
3	Conroy, B. J.	1,000.00	301	Taylor, H. D.	1,000.00	1002	Hawkins, R. W.	1,000.00
3	Granet, H. M.	1,000.00	301	Blair, H.	1,000.00	1177	Cochran, R.	1,000.00
3	Weiss, D.	1,000.00	302	Pembroke, M. R.	1,000.00	1205	Robertson, R.	1,000.00
3	Glaser, W.	1,000.00	304	Hundley, N.	1,000.00	1248	Brown, F.	1,000.00
3	Entwistle, R. J.	1,000.00	313	Donnell, J. E.	1,000.00	1249	Arnold, J. H.	1,000.00
3	Sandgren, J.	1,000.00	313	Smith, J.	150.00	1249	Turner, R.	1,000.00
3	Todd, W.	1,000.00	314	Herring, W. C.	1,000.00	1310	Kelly, F. K.	1,000.00
3	D'Ambrosio, F.	1,000.00	318	Young, G. D.	1,000.00	1319	Gale, F. R.	1,000.00
5	Davis, J. D.	1,000.00	322	Morganridge, D. S.	1,000.00	1319	Connely, M. J.	1,000.00
6	Monahan, J. E.	1,000.00	323	Weddington, E.	1,000.00	1385	McGinnis, H.	1,000.00
6	Diaz, J.	1,000.00	335	Dorney, W. V.	1,000.00	1501		
6	Spiller, F.	1,000.00	339	Agnaw, W. A.	1,000.00	1531	Glover, L. E.	1,000.00
8	Caulkins, F. T.	1,000.00	347	Brandt, A.	1,000.00	1547	Strahorn, R. L.	1,000.00
9	Palermo, S.	1,000.00	353	Hall, C.	150.00	TOTAL		\$231,116.68

young organizers who would be willing to go to India, live and work among the people as "labor missionaries," and help budding Indian unionists to find their way.

This could be done under the banner of the ICFTU and through the International Trade Secretariats. That isn't to say that we have the only "prescription," or that

our way of doing things is best for different countries with different backgrounds and culture. I am convinced, though, that there is much in common between India's struggling workers of today and the developing labor movement of America's recent past. We too had a tough, hard fight with the employers, as well as the Communists

—and we won it—on the basis of solid work and "fight"—and above all on the principle that we have a right to walk with the same dignity as our fellow man, and the opportunity to feed, clothe and educate our children. In any case, perhaps something very valuable will come out of the experience, both for India and for ourselves.

## Death Claims For April, 1959

L. U.	NAME	AMOUNT	L. U.	NAME	AMOUNT	L. U.	NAME	AMOUNT
I. O. (2)	Beck, H. S.	\$ 150.00	I. O. (1212)	Goldstein, W.	1,000.00	210	Schellenberg, R.	1,000.00
I. O. (2)	Bayha, E.	1,000.00	I. O. (1631)	Henderson, J. D.	1,000.00	213	Avery, F. J.	1,000.00
I. O. (3)	Hall, W. J.	333.34	I. O. (1759)	Alore, A.	1,000.00	222	Sullivan, F. A.	1,000.00
I. O. (3)	Cunningham, N.	1,000.00	1	Stephenson, E. M.	1,000.00	226	Hess, C. F.	1,000.00
I. O. (3)	Logan, W.	1,000.00	3	Boeckeler, W.	150.00	238	Kennerly, H. G.	1,000.00
I. O. (3)	Henkel, H. H.	1,000.00	3	McCormick, J. J.	800.00	245	Bror, J. A.	1,000.00
I. O. (3)	Smith, F. R.	1,000.00	3	Muller, H. G.	1,000.00	257	Clark, W. C.	1,000.00
I. O. (3)	Fleming, E. W.	1,000.00	3	Brettnan, A. J.	1,000.00	292	Green, A. L.	1,000.00
I. O. (3)	Carr, A. B.	1,000.00	3	Zolov, G.	1,000.00	292	Carlson, L. V.	1,000.00
I. O. (3)	Rosenberg, B.	1,000.00	3	Bott, P.	1,000.00	302	Daniels, H.	333.34
I. O. (3)	Fawcett, F. D.	1,000.00	3	Abramson, J.	1,000.00	304	Bessette, A. H.	1,000.00
I. O. (3)	Holshuh, L. G.	1,000.00	3	Imhof, E. P.	1,000.00	309	Peterson, C. H.	1,000.00
I. O. (3)	Wilkins, F. L.	1,000.00	3	Lynn, J.	1,000.00	332	Auerbach, F. R.	1,000.00
I. O. (5)	Hoots, C. J.	1,000.00	3	Wadsworth, L. E.	1,000.00	333	Southwick, T. E.	1,000.00
I. O. (6)	Lemoge, F. J.	1,000.00	3	Scheunenbrand, G. W.	1,000.00	352	Lake, V. M.	1,000.00
I. O. (6)	Almquist, O. D.	1,000.00	3	Joest, J.	1,000.00	363	Dougherty, L.	1,000.00
I. O. (8)	Christ, J. A.	1,000.00	5	Gritzian, R. E.	1,000.00	367	Bennet, L. W.	1,000.00
I. O. (9)	Rutherford, J. H.	1,000.00	6	Draeger, G. F.	1,000.00	375	Anstadt, R. E.	111.11
I. O. (9)	Wynne, M. J.	1,000.00	9	Wallace, D.	150.00	382	Hoopaugh, J. D.	222.22
I. O. (11)	Taylor, J. R.	1,000.00	9	Boarman, H. E.	1,000.00	390	Neuville, H.	1,000.00
I. O. (17)	Chamberlain, V.	1,000.00	11	Fudge, K.	1,000.00	401	Rivard, G. P.	1,000.00
I. O. (18)	McLean, J. S.	1,000.00	11	Meister, K. W.	1,000.00	414	Tate, R. C.	1,000.00
I. O. (26)	Hansel, E.	300.00	11	Curtis, L. C.	1,000.00	429	Moore, H. A.	1,000.00
I. O. (27)	Sibley, R. E.	1,000.00	11	Rodery, J. W.	1,000.00	431	Horse, F. W.	1,000.00
I. O. (33)	Freed, S.	1,000.00	11	Mitchell, E. W.	1,000.00	438	Sullivan, W. C.	1,000.00
I. O. (40)	Kelly, W. A.	1,000.00	11	Hugill, W. S.	1,000.00	463	Adams, B. E.	1,000.00
I. O. (40)	Robbins, E. A.	1,000.00	16	Eckerty, R. E.	1,000.00	479	Burkhalter, J.	1,000.00
I. O. (51)	Arms, H. B.	1,000.00	17	Reeves, E. P.	1,000.00	483	Garff, L. R.	1,000.00
I. O. (51)	Goldby, N.	1,000.00	18	Lochrie, E. R.	1,000.00	492	Fournier, E.	1,000.00
I. O. (56)	Franklin, C.	1,000.00	18	Vaughn, J. E.	1,000.00	494	Helgren, R. J.	1,000.00
I. O. (66)	Frank, J.	1,000.00	25	McCollom, J.	1,000.00	494	Gallina, F. G.	1,000.00
I. O. (76)	Naged, F. J.	1,000.00	26	Clarke, R. E.	1,000.00	501	Hughes, C. W.	1,000.00
I. O. (77)	Stratford, E. B.	1,000.00	31	Gustafson, J.	1,000.00	518	Tranor, W.	1,000.00
I. O. (81)	Jones, G.	1,000.00	39	Schindler, J. L.	1,000.00	558	Herald, W. H.	1,000.00
I. O. (86)	Wackerman, W.	1,000.00	40	Strom, M.	500.00	561	Compton, C.	1,000.00
I. O. (95)	Allen, T. J.	1,000.00	41	Woodley, R. J.	1,000.00	561	Turbid, L.	1,000.00
I. O. (98)	Leidy, W. H.	1,000.00	46	Crusell, E. E.	1,000.00	582	Dixon, L. E.	333.34
I. O. (103)	Buckley, J.	1,000.00	48	Shearer, C. L.	1,000.00	591	Salvig, C. L.	1,000.00
I. O. (103)	Lyons, C. F.	1,000.00	48	Canter, V.	1,000.00	591	Spencer, R. H.	1,000.00
I. O. (104)	Byam, R.	1,000.00	51	Shroyer, G. R.	666.66	595	Wenn, C. E.	1,000.00
I. O. (104)	Quirk, J. M.	1,000.00	51	Ashby, P. H.	1,000.00	595	Butzer, E.	1,000.00
I. O. (124)	Rigsby, R.	1,000.00	51	Bryoles, B. R.	1,000.00	602	Roark, H. A.	1,000.00
I. O. (124)	Jackson, H. A.	1,000.00	51	Richardson, J.	1,000.00	637	Bowes, W. D.	1,000.00
I. O. (124)	Kice, M. L.	1,000.00	58	Stromback, C. A.	1,000.00	650	Curphy, R. M.	1,000.00
I. O. (125)	Burk, R.	1,000.00	58	Nelson, A. S.	1,000.00	661	Cockrell, L. R.	1,000.00
I. O. (125)	Morris, H. J.	1,000.00	58	Centeck, E. E.	1,000.00	663	Erdman, A. A.	1,000.00
I. O. (130)	Lintinger, E. J.	1,000.00	59	Sherbut, G. H.	1,000.00	672	Hinkle, V. A.	1,000.00
I. O. (134)	Lonergan, C. L.	1,000.00	66	Bryoles, B. R.	1,000.00	676	Mayo, S. C.	1,000.00
I. O. (134)	Lindell, C. H.	1,000.00	66	Raney, R. M.	1,000.00	697	Kindberg, C. A.	150.00
I. O. (134)	Zoiss, M.	1,000.00	66	Gentry, W. D.	1,000.00	702	Gaskins, C. L.	1,000.00
I. O. (134)	Wagoner, G. H.	1,000.00	70	Williams, E. E.	1,000.00	702	Lafloon, F. J.	1,000.00
I. O. (134)	Cote, C. A.	1,000.00	71	Brobst, C. E.	150.00	705	Ziegenhahn, W. H.	1,000.00
I. O. (134)	Hart, W. F.	1,000.00	77	Olds, L. J.	750.00	712	Boarman, R. L.	1,000.00
I. O. (160)	Gilsvik, A.	1,000.00	77	Howard, C. E.	1,000.00	713	Bowman, E. L.	1,000.00
I. O. (197)	Weiler, W. F.	1,000.00	80	Butler, W. R.	1,000.00	721	Morgan, H.	1,000.00
I. O. (200)	Potter, C. E.	1,000.00	82	Thomas, E. J.	1,000.00	733	Entrekkin, F. L.	1,000.00
I. O. (212)	Welsanberger, J.	1,000.00	84	Yancey, A. R.	1,000.00	733	Bailey, A. H.	1,000.00
I. O. (213)	Friend, W. J.	1,000.00	84	Smith, M. M.	1,000.00	765	Townsend, R. C.	1,000.00
I. O. (236)	Douglas, A. O.	1,000.00	86	Hillis, C. F.	1,000.00	767	Hunt, E. L.	1,000.00
I. O. (239)	Spillner, T. J.	1,000.00	86	Heilbing, F. G.	1,000.00	767	Carruth, L. A.	1,000.00
I. O. (239)	Williamson, S. P.	1,000.00	90	Fritzer, J.	1,000.00	778	Jaequin, A.	1,000.00
I. O. (239)	Miller, C. A.	1,000.00	98	Johnson, R. J.	1,000.00	780	Power, G. W.	1,000.00
I. O. (254)	Moore, E.	1,000.00	99	Pierce, H. F.	1,000.00	817	Falk, J.	1,000.00
I. O. (292)	Lanzen, W. J.	1,000.00	100	Morris, J. W.	1,000.00	817	Williams, L. M.	1,000.00
I. O. (292)	Mazlin, H.	1,000.00	104	Starble, L. J.	1,000.00	822	McCannon, F.	1,000.00
I. O. (308)	Holmes, J. P.	1,000.00	104	Norton, W.	1,000.00	835	Bowers, O. F.	1,000.00
I. O. (329)	Nichasi, F. M.	1,000.00	122	Loudermilk, W. L.	750.00	835	Abramson, C. W.	1,000.00
I. O. (332)	Carmody, M. H.	1,000.00	124	Collins, R. S.	1,000.00	846	Stevenson, J. B.	1,000.00
I. O. (370)	Freedheim, H. H.	150.00	125	Box, B. J.	1,000.00	855	Robison, H. E.	1,000.00
I. O. (406)	Bradley, F.	1,000.00	125	Sandvold, E. M.	1,000.00	865	Morrison, Jr., R. H.	1,000.00
I. O. (413)	Hodgins, A. R.	1,000.00	125	Corner, M.	1,000.00	908	Cox, C. L.	1,000.00
I. O. (435)	McBride, J. L.	1,000.00	125	McClure, C. F.	1,000.00	916	Hair, C. I.	1,000.00
I. O. (500)	Munsell, I. L.	1,000.00	125	Leonard, J. F.	1,000.00	932	Ross, H. P.	1,000.00
I. O. (501)	Schiller, O. E.	1,000.00	125	Mace, H. C.	1,000.00	949	Minasian, O.	1,000.00
I. O. (528)	Crabbe, P.	1,000.00	125	Lane, H. W.	1,000.00	968	Stevens, H. A.	1,000.00
I. O. (528)	Miller, A.	1,000.00	126	Vendetta, N. J.	1,000.00	1021	Morris, H. N.	1,000.00
I. O. (533)	Holliday, E.	1,000.00	130	Padron, W.	1,000.00	1036	Barks, E. O.	1,000.00
I. O. (539)	Norquist, A.	1,000.00	134	Grant, G. F.	150.00	1049	Gosnell, F. H.	1,000.00
I. O. (564)	Smith, G. H.	1,000.00	134	Weldon, T. R.	150.00	1116	Fadeley, R.	1,000.00
I. O. (581)	Pierson, A. G.	1,000.00	134	Coulson, F. A.	1,000.00	1158	Dil'Asquale, C.	1,000.00
I. O. (595)	Ambro, W. G.	1,000.00	134	Sulan, E. J.	1,000.00	1220	Ruisard, M. E.	1,000.00
I. O. (595)	McGarvie, W. D.	1,000.00	134	Fegan, D.	1,000.00	1245	Schafer, C. C.	1,000.00
I. O. (652)	Kimison, L. A.	1,000.00	134	Bonhomme, A. J.	1,000.00	1249	Ives, R. R.	1,000.00
I. O. (659)	Bellinger, W. K.	1,000.00	134	Quilliman, R. T.	1,000.00	1280	Guthrie, E. R.	1,000.00
I. O. (702)	Poole, J.	1,000.00	134	Boyle, M. J.	1,000.00	1295	Driver, W. E.	1,000.00
I. O. (702)	Watkins, H. E.	1,000.00	134	McKenzie, A. C.	1,000.00	1310	Seibert, D. H.	1,000.00
I. O. (713)	Bishoff, W. R.	1,000.00	134	Weshey, G. E.	1,000.00	1330	Fettes, L. J.	1,000.00
I. O. (723)	Sloan, H. D.	1,000.00	136	Haskell, B. F.	1,000.00	1352	Cogan, M. C.	1,000.00
I. O. (791)	McDowell, R.	1,000.00	145	Burke, E. E.	1,000.00	1353	Clark, W. B.	1,000.00
I. O. (817)	Glander, E. J.	1,000.00	145	Blackstock, J. F.	1,000.00	1355	Gray, H. E.	1,000.00
I. O. (825)	Hemmert, A.	1,000.00	147	Sterling, G. M.	1,000.00	1377	Craig, W. S.	1,000.00
I. O. (849)	Harmsen, J. R.	1,000.00	181	Bacic, A. W.	1,000.00	1392	Hammonds, J. D.	1,000.00
I. O. (1001)	Stankus, J. J.	1,000.00	197	Mansfeldt, C.	1,000.00	TOTAL.		\$266,300.01

# IN MEMORIAM




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## *Prayer for Our Deceased Members*

*Lord God and Father of all, we pray Thee look today with gentle kindness on all those whose names are listed here, our Brothers. Working with a man, day after day, we get to know him very well—and then when he is gone, we miss him very much. We ask Thee, Father, to fill the eternal life of all these with joy and gladness.*

*There are those Lord, who miss our Brothers even more than we, their fellow workmen. We speak of their families and loved ones. Send them peace, Lord, and that comfort which is only Thine to give. Let them not dwell on their loss but only in grateful memories and Thy own promise of reunion.*

*Lastly, Father, help us, we who make this earnest prayer. Life is often difficult and we are weak. Give us strength, O Lord, to overcome our weaknesses. Give us hope and faith and perseverance. But most of all, Dear Father, give us charity, so that we may always treat our fellowman with respect and love. Thus obeying Thy commandments, and following in Thy footsteps we may one day come to Thee, not in fear, but in confidence and joy. Amen.*

### Homer Eaker, L. U. No. 1

Born December 29, 1923  
Initiated December 8, 1947  
Died May 10, 1959

### Lucille Murphy, L. U. No. 1

Born March 28, 1910  
Initiated November 23, 1945  
Died May 12, 1959

### Calvin H. Provost, L. U. No. 1

Born April 16, 1872  
Initiated April 7, 1896  
Died April 4, 1959

### Walter D. Royer, L. U. No. 1

Born December 19, 1888  
Initiated March 27, 1924  
Died February 15, 1959

### Edward M. Stephenson, L. U. No. 1

Born April 18, 1901  
Initiated January 14, 1955  
Died March 11, 1959

### Franklyn Dexter Fawcett, L. U. No. 3

Born January 6, 1886  
Initiated September 11, 1924  
Died March 25, 1959

### Frank Caulkins, L. U. No. 8

Born June 1, 1892  
Initiated October 23, 1939  
Died March 2, 1959

### Joseph Christ, L. U. No. 8

Born August 1, 1883  
Initiated September 27, 1937  
Died March 17, 1959

### Roy Cox, L. U. No. 8

Born September 16, 1890  
Initiated November 5, 1912  
Died January 12, 1959

### Glen Fay, L. U. No. 8

Born January 23, 1910  
Initiated November 10, 1939  
Died December 24, 1958

### Carl D. Preble, L. U. No. 8

Born October 11, 1904  
Initiated August 7, 1939  
Died April 14, 1959

### Ray E. Eckerty, L. U. No. 16

Born May 5, 1903  
Initiated August 6, 1937  
Died April 2, 1959

### E. A. Schwartz, L. U. No. 16

Born April 1, 1886  
Initiated February 25, 1915  
in L. U. No. 535  
Died May 5, 1959

### Earl P. Reeves, L. U. No. 17

Born August 6, 1908  
Initiated April 28, 1949  
in L. U. No. 846  
Died March 1959

### Leonard Allen, L. U. No. 18

Born March 21, 1900  
Initiated February 1, 1943  
Died March 21, 1959

### Joseph M. Geller, L. U. No. 18

Born May 26, 1896  
Initiated March 17, 1952  
Died March 7, 1959

### Martin Johnson, L. U. No. 18

Born July 1, 1956  
Initiated March 6, 1959

### Carl M. Turner, L. U. No. 18

Born October 4, 1938  
Initiated March 6, 1959

### Joseph E. Vaughn, L. U. No. 18

Born January 23, 1910  
Initiated February 6, 1946  
Died March 12, 1959

### Albert S. Miller, L. U. No. 28

Born April 29, 1887  
Initiated December 5, 1944  
in L. U. No. 1094  
Died May 20, 1959

### Robert J. Woodley, L. U. No. 41

Born April 15, 1909  
Initiated September 14, 1937  
Died March 10, 1959

### Ernest E. Crussell, L. U. No. 46

Born October 19, 1898  
Initiated December 9, 1952  
Died March 22, 1959

### Philip Ashby, L. U. No. 51

Born February 16, 1906  
Initiated September 25, 1946  
Died March 11, 1959

### Everett Joseph Chambers, L. U. No. 51

Born September 5, 1899  
Initiated January 30, 1937  
Died March 17, 1959

### Delmar Reinhart, L. U. No. 51

Born September 11, 1913  
Initiated September 9, 1953  
Died February 19, 1959

### Joseph Richardson, L. U. No. 51

Born September 27, 1904  
Initiated April 19, 1938  
in L. U. 702  
Died March 27, 1959

### Andrew B. Scheri, L. U. No. 51

Born January 1, 1920  
Initiated July 2, 1953  
Died February 12, 1959

### James Edward Baggett, Jr., L. U. No. 59

Born September 20, 1905  
Reinitiated June 19, 1945  
Died April 23, 1959

### George H. Sherbut, L. U. No. 59

Born June 8, 1907  
Initiated June 6, 1944  
Died April 5, 1959

### Raymond E. Flaherty, L. U. No. 86

Born May 9, 1890  
Initiated July 24, 1942  
Died February 20, 1959

### Frank G. Helbing, L. U. No. 86

Born August 14, 1903  
Initiated March 29, 1922  
Died March 10, 1959

### Charles Hillis, L. U. No. 86

Born January 16, 1915  
Initiated April 26, 1946  
Died March 14, 1959

### William Wackerman, L. U. No. 86

Born March 14, 1881  
Initiated May 4, 1908  
Died March 29, 1959

### Arthur W. Wiest, L. U. No. 86

Born April 1904  
Initiated March 26, 1924  
Died February 18, 1959

### Wilbur L. Loudermilk, L. U. No. 122

Born February 19, 1911  
Initiated September 22, 1936  
Died March 1, 1959

### M. S. Fallin, L. U. No. 124

Born September 7, 1917  
Initiated April 11, 1940  
Died November 18, 1958

### Stanley Jones, L. U. 124

Born April 27, 1928  
Initiated August 15, 1947  
Died September 8, 1958

### W. E. Minks, L. U. No. 124

Born March 20, 1903  
Initiated September 17, 1925  
Died December 26, 1958

### Virgil O'Dell, L. U. No. 124

Born June 4, 1914  
Initiated August 8, 1956  
Died October 13, 1958

Roy A. Thomas, L. U. No. 124	Charles Wenn, L. U. No. 595	Pacito Campos, L. U. No. 1245
Born October 2, 1913 Initiated March 6, 1942 Died December 9, 1958	Born August 3, 1904 Initiated November 8, 1946 Died March 23, 1959	Born February 5, 1900 Initiated March 15, 1950 Died December 1958
E. L. Thompson, L. U. No. 124	Harvey Allen Roark, L. U. No. 602	Joe Harrington, L. U. No. 1245
Born November 12, 1882 Initiated December 12, 1929 Died December 27, 1958	Born January 14, 1893 Initiated August 28, 1945 Died March 18, 1959	Born November 23, 1901 Initiated November 1, 1954 Died January 1959
Frank Sims, Sr., L. U. No. 309	Everett Dean Wright, L. U. No. 602	Chris N. Sandholdt, L. U. No. 1245
Born August 24, 1880 Initiated October 14, 1902 Died January 26, 1959	Initiated April 3, 1945 Died March 11, 1959	Born March 3, 1908 Initiated April 1, 1943 Died December 9, 1958
Frank Kraft, L. U. No. 310	P. L. Richardson, L. U. No. 613	K. D. Setty, L. U. No. 1245
Born October 24, 1887 Initiated June 28, 1943 in L. U. No. 79 Died March 13, 1959	Initiated November 20, 1924 Died April 14, 1959	Born May 28, 1900 Initiated April 1, 1943 Died February 12, 1959
Ralph F. Bone, L. U. No. 311	Paul B. Smith, L. U. No. 613	H. J. White, L. U. No. 1245
Born August 6, 1926 Initiated January 24, 1951 Died March 12, 1959	Born December 4, 1899 Initiated December 16, 1946 Died May 11, 1959	Born July 18, 1903 Initiated February 1, 1957 Died January 9, 1959
Stanley Ellison, L. U. No. 352	Ralph Corne, L. U. No. 702	G. S. Whiteside, L. U. No. 1245
Born December 2, 1907 Initiated December 1, 1943 Died March 27, 1959	Born March 21, 1896 Initiated November 6, 1945 Died March 13, 1959	Born December 5, 1897 Initiated July 1, 1952 Died March 1, 1959
Elmer Hempty, L. U. No. 352	Chester L. Gaskins, L. U. No. 702	Ima J. Young, L. U. No. 1245
Born April 19, 1898 Initiated December 20, 1933 Died March 7, 1959	Born April 4, 1915 Initiated April 16, 1949 Died April 8, 1959	Initiated July 1, 1952 Died January 19, 1959
Charles Hall, L. U. No. 353	Clarence J. Hoots, L. U. No. 702	Emil Hilliker, L. U. No. 1249
Born July 23, 1881 Initiated April 12, 1940 Died February 20, 1959	Born September 14, 1883 Initiated June 30, 1938 Died March 22, 1959	Born April 30, 1897 Initiated October 28, 1947 Died April 26, 1959
C. M. LeMay, L. U. No. 353	Floyd M. Jackson, L. U. No. 702	Roy E. House, L. U. No. 1249
Born August 20, 1894 Initiated April 11, 1929 Died February 6, 1959	Born July 25, 1900 Initiated October 26, 1942 Died March 17, 1959	Born September 18, 1926 Initiated December 2, 1952 Died April 24, 1959
Thomas I. Arnold, L. U. No. 386	Fred J. Laffoon, L. U. No. 702	Raymond Ives, L. U. No. 1249
Born June 20, 1891 Initiated June 7, 1941 Died August 1, 1958	Born September 23, 1894 Initiated March 30, 1948 Died April 19, 1959	Born September 30, 1907 Initiated September 13, 1950 Died March 23, 1959
Robert C. Tate, L. U. No. 414	Lester Pearson, L. U. No. 702	Charles B. Kitchens, L. U. No. 1280
Born October 12, 1909 Initiated March 19, 1943 Died April 19, 1959	Born July 28, 1895 Initiated December 24, 1945 Died April 17, 1959	Born January 23, 1890 Initiated February 4, 1943 Died March 20, 1959
Edgar McGimpsey, L. U. No. 465	James Poole, L. U. No. 702	Mark Bastian, L. U. No. 1351
Born March 8, 1899 Initiated August 3, 1945 Died April 1959	Born July 31, 1893 Initiated August 5, 1936 Died March 29, 1959	Born December 2, 1913 Initiated March 17, 1943 Died November 22, 1958
W. E. Bumgarner, L. U. No. 474	II. Ed. Watkins, L. U. No. 702	Emil Miller, L. U. No. 1351
Born August 17, 1898 Initiated June 3, 1955 Died January 3, 1959	Born December 13, 1880 Initiated April 2, 1920 Died March 31, 1959	Born November 5, 1905 Reinitiated April 17, 1943 Died January 14, 1959
J. W. Calhoun, L. U. No. 474	Ernest L. Bowman, L. U. No. 713	Albert P. Heilstedt, L. U. No. 1469
Born February 17, 1894 Reinitiated October 3, 1933 Died January 30, 1959	Born February 27, 1899 Initiated November 18, 1918 Died April 1959	Born May 23, 1917 Initiated October 1, 1946 Died April 22, 1959
Sidney A. Williams, L. U. No. 480	May Hagood, L. U. No. 713	George W. Martin, L. U. No. 1470
Born June 27, 1918 Initiated August 9, 1939 Died April 23, 1959	Initiated October 23, 1952 Died April 1959	Born 1894 Initiated January 31, 1949 Died April 24, 1959
Erwin Freytag, L. U. No. 494	Hildegard Schultz, L. U. No. 713	Joseph M. Stanton, L. U. No. 1470
Born August 17, 1906 Initiated April 1, 1927 Died May 13, 1959	Born March 9, 1896 Initiated May 17, 1950 Died April 1959	Born August 23, 1905 Initiated October 1, 1950 Died May 4, 1959
Frank G. Gallina, L. U. No. 494	Stephen J. O'Malley, L. U. No. 717	Mary A. Digou, L. U. No. 1505
Born May 29, 1896 Initiated December 3, 1934 Died April 3, 1959	Born April 8, 1920 Initiated July 14, 1948 Died February 8, 1959	Born January 9, 1918 Initiated July 17, 1946 Died April 15, 1959
Rudolph Helgren, L. U. No. 494	C. W. Abramson, L. U. No. 835	John F. Kadlick, L. U. No. 1505
Born March 20, 1891 Initiated January 30, 1940 Died March 31, 1959	Born October 15, 1920 Initiated August 2, 1950 Died March 21, 1959	Born October 19, 1902 Initiated July 17, 1946 Died March 21, 1959
Wilburn H. Herald, L. U. No. 558	O. F. Bowers, L. U. No. 835	Elizabeth A. Levasseur, L. U. No. 1505
Born July 24, 1905 Initiated July 21, 1944 Died February 15, 1959	Born January 7, 1915 Initiated February 21, 1941 Died March 9, 1959	Born September 7, 1908 Initiated July 17, 1946 Died March 21, 1959
Emil Butzer, L. U. No. 595	Stanislaw Farynowski, L. U. No. 853	Ford Naugler, L. U. No. 1505
Born September 17, 1901 Initiated August 12, 1955 Died April 2, 1959	Born February 14, 1894 Initiated July 23, 1942 Died April 2, 1959	Born April 9, 1908 Reinitiated May 31, 1950 Died May 13, 1959
William D. McGarvie, L. U. No. 595	Earl Bowen, L. U. No. 1171	Leona Tuttle, L. U. No. 1505
Born April 3, 1889 Initiated February 18, 1915 Died February 27, 1959	Born February 28, 1900 Initiated September 15, 1950 Died March 8, 1959	Born September 7, 1908 Initiated February 9, 1949 Died March 23, 1959
Fred A. Moffat, L. U. No. 595	Joseph Krysiewicz, L. U. No. 1226	George Stratton, L. U. No. 1857
Born February 27, 1886 Initiated March 10, 1943 Died February 4, 1959	Born March 14, 1909 Initiated February 2, 1945 Died March 25, 1959	Born May 25, 1926 Initiated October 6, 1953 Died January 30, 1959
George T. Brown, L. U. No. 1245	Born December 23, 1901 Initiated September 1, 1956 Died March 6, 1959	

## TODAY

Today is all the time we have,  
Its sunshine or its storm.  
Its fellowship and uplift  
And love to make us warm.  
We sometimes fret ourselves to tears,  
With mundane plans and schemes,  
And miss the glory underfoot,  
Because of building dreams.  
It's wise to plan and look ahead,  
But make this solemn vow,  
To take the time to make the most  
Of what is here and now.  
Tomorrow with its bright, new hope,  
Shall shine or turn to gray,  
Because of what you're doing now,  
Tomorrow is today.

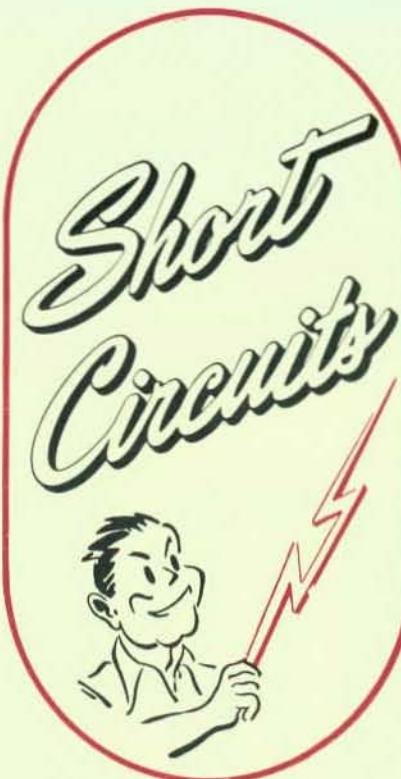
D. A. HOOVER,  
*L. U. 1306, Decatur, Ill.*

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## YOU OLD-TIMER

I knew him as a lineman, the finest in the land, I knew that he was no faker. I knew that when I shook his hand. I knew him as a lineman, he was my pole buddy, too. He often spoke of others, and an old-timer like you. Should you misguide him in things you say or do then the blame won't lay on me, but it will follow you. For he often told me that his heart's desire was to become a journeyman like you. Think this over old-timer, this might be true, it might be your son that's following in the footsteps of an old-timer like you. Remember, old-timer, he has loved ones too. Old-timer, those loved ones might belong to you, and they might not have been if there was no old-timer like you. This came from me, I send it to you, for there are lots of old-timers but only one old-timer like you.

TOM JORDAN,  
*L. U. 17, Detroit, Mich.*



## BROTHERHOOD

My feet are in your tattered shoes;  
My heart with yours is singing blues,  
Your woes upon my shoulders lie  
With you I laugh, with you I cry,  
There is no need to ask me why  
For we are brothers, you and I.

And though our paths may never meet  
I still will share the gall, the sweet;  
For that's the way it's meant to be  
The things you feel are felt by me.  
There is no need to ask me why  
For we are brothers, you and I.

LILLIAN B. MACMENIGALL,  
Wife of Roy MacMenigall,  
*L. U. 323, West Palm Beach, Fla.*

## LABOR CONFERENCE, WASHINGTON, D. C.

In spite of vicious pratings from the  
prostituted press,  
Our labor leaders forged ahead under  
strain and stress,  
The N.A.M. and banker clique shook in  
their temples high,  
When leaders of the unemployed raised  
their hue and cry,

The workers of this fruitful land were  
tossed a cake-like ration,  
And told in doleful numbers to sweat  
out automation,  
Our worthy Brothers are fed up with  
palliating sops,  
They now demand employment, content-  
ment, and pork chops,

The Volga song and Marseillaise were  
born in times like these,  
This is a bodeful warning for the high  
born men of ease,  
They paint for us most gold-edged times  
in statements quite unsnar,  
They rant about the hats they'll eat  
when comes the next October,

Billions now are channelled into future  
realms of space,  
While hunger stalks the unemployed and  
stares them in the face,  
Promises are rampant now from high  
born men of ease,  
From men who munch October hats when  
fruit hangs from the trees.

TIFFANY,  
*L. U. 3, New York, N. Y.*

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## JUST A TRIAL

Life is just a trial  
Life is just a test  
For a momentary while  
Before eternal rest,

LESLIE RUSSEL FOOR,  
Brother of Joan L. Foor,  
*L. U. 1944, Altoona, Pa.*

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Son: What does it mean when a man  
goes to a convention as a delegate at  
large?

Father: It means his wife doesn't go  
with him.

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Courtship is a period during which a  
girl decides whether she can do better.

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Teacher: How many makes a dozen?  
Wireman's Son: Twelve.

Teacher: How many electricians make  
a million?

Wireman's Son: Very, very few.

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Fat: I once saw a bed 20 feet long  
and 10 feet wide.

Benny: Sounds like a lot of bunk.

## ADD RESS CHANGED?

NAME.....

NEW ADDRESS.....

City Zone State

PRESENT LOCAL UNION NO.....

CARD NO..... (If unknown - check with Local Union)

OLD ADDRESS.....

City Zone State

FORMER LOCAL UNION NUMBER.....

IF YOU HAVE CHANGED LOCAL UNIONS - WE MUST HAVE NUMBERS OF BOTH

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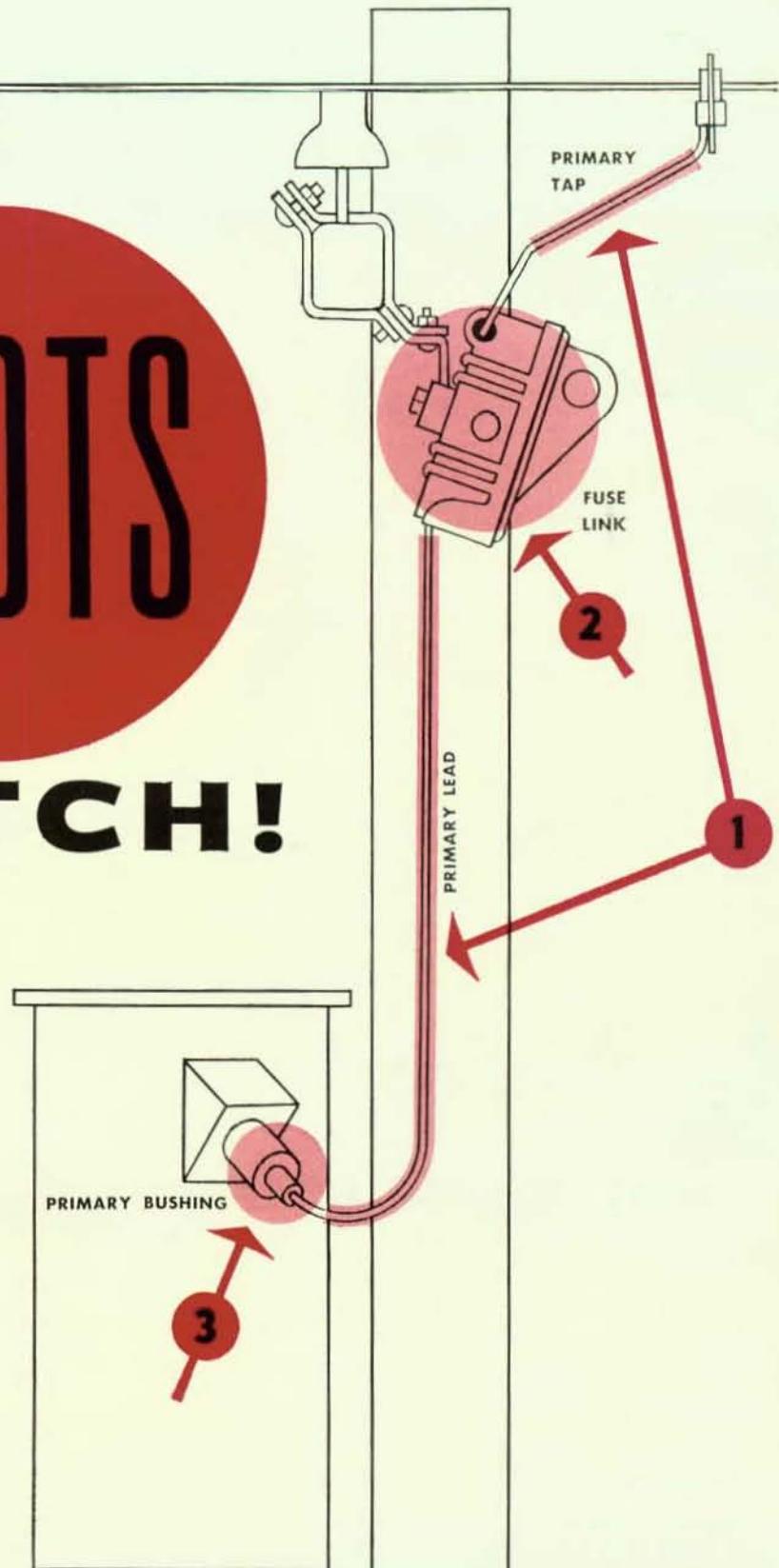
# HOT

# SPOTS

## TO WATCH!

if you can touch any of these spots with your head or any other part of your body -

- 1 use short pieces of line hose on taps or leads
- 2 cover cut-out box with a blanket
- 3 cover primary bushing with insulating cap



You Can't Be Too Careful To Save Your Life